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NEGRO BANDMASTER HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED

FIRST UNDER PRESIDENT'S NEW ORDER

William L. Houston Making New Plans for Betterment of Odd Fellows—Judge Terrell Will Speak at Baltimore.

Special by Thompson's National News Bureau.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 20.—Room has been made for another Negro bandmaster in the United States Army. The War Department has announced that Chief Musician George F. Tyrrell, of the band of the Tenth Cavalry, now stationed in the Philippines, has been transferred to the band of the Fifteenth Cavalry (white) and ordered with that organization to Fort Myer, Va., near this city. This is the first transfer of the kind made under the President's recent order, which looks finally to having colored leaders for the bands of the four colored regiments. As vacancies occur in the position of chief musician of white bands, the white leaders of colored bands will be transferred to fill them, and colored leaders will be appointed to the colored bands. In June last Elbert Williams, formerly bandmaster at Tuskegee Institute, was appointed chief musician of the Twenty-fifth Infantry. A short time ago Carl Gungl, chief musician of the Ninth Cavalry, was retired, and his place, it is understood, has been taken by James A. Thompson, a colored man, who has been serving at intervals for a long time as leader, while holding the position of principal musician, the official title by which the first assistant is known in the army. With the assignment of a colored chief musician to the vacancy created by the transfer of Chief Tyrrell, the only white leader remaining at the head of a Negro regiment will be W. O. Thompson, now with the Twenty-fourth Infantry, at Madison Barracks, N. Y. In all this excellent work the "fine Italian hand" of Emmett J. Scott is distinctly and positively in evidence.

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Mr. William L. Houston, grand master of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, is working overtime devising plans to make the order more effective along practical lines, as well as carrying on in full force its spiritual and fraternal purposes. Mr. Houston is extremely anxious to make his second term notable for the development of certain co-operative and industrial work, which includes grocery stres, savings banks, employment bureaus and a special fund for home building, all under the auspices and direction of the Odd Fellows and for the benefit of the members of the order. Said Mr. Houston to The Freeman representative the other day:

"Our lodge has found co-operative and industrial work a success in many quarters, though it was begun only as an experiment. I was particularly gratified with the progress made along this line in Texas, where it was my pleasure to make an extended tour of observation last summer, and in which State we boast of not less than 12,000 members.

"In Washington now," continued Mr. Houston, "the secretaries of our lodges keep lists of employers wanting colored help, and also workmen and domestics out of employment. There is no charge for the service to any one, and we are supplying competent coachmen, butlers, servants and workmen of every type to many employers who rank high in the social world. The service is confined to lodge members, and as we make the requirements for membership very strict, we have only first-class help to offer.

"The co-operative features of the Odd Fellows are also growing. In many communities, North and South, but especially in the South, where we have such a large population to draw from for patronage, our grocery stores are prospering, and it is found that we can buy our supplies from them more cheaply than from the regular merchants by reason of our facilities for buying largely and selling at a small profit.

"We are pushing the endowment feature of the Odd Fellows ,in order to emphasize to colored people the need for having some provision for death. The lodge has also the regular sick benefits, which are the same to every member. In some cities we are conducting savings banks for lodge members, and pay 2½ to 3 per cent. interest on deposits. We are also actively engaged in promoting the campaign against tuberculosis, and are working in sympathy with the propaganda inaugurated by Dr. Booker T. Washington at the Tuskegee Congress."

Speaking of the general condition of the G. U. O. of O. F., Grand Master Houston said, with pardonable evidences of gratification:

"The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows has a membership wholly among colored people. Its charter was granted from Manchester, England, and the body founded in this country by Peter Ogden is strictly legitimate. It has over 400,000 members, and is larger than the combined membership of the six Negro lodges ranking next to it. It has branches in seventeen islands and countries, including lodges in the Philippines for colored soldiers. In Philadelphia the lodge has erected a five-story office building at a cost of $135,000, and it is conceded to be the finest office building owned and occupied by Negroes in the world. The properties of the entire lodge are listed at a valuation of $4,000,000."

Grand Master Houston has the united support of this vast membership, and were it not for the constitutional limitation, could easily be re-elected for a third term. His administration will go down in history as the "golden age" of Odd Fellowship. It is understood that he has some plans for the future which we shall be authorized to announce in due season.

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Judge Robert H. Terrell is to be the orator of the day on the occasion of the celebration of the birthday anniversary of Frederick Douglass, in Baltimore, February 14. The exercises will be held in the Centennial M. E. Church, under the auspices of the Frederick Douglass Memorial Association.

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Lawyer Gilchrist Stewart, of New York, spent the week in the city on legal business.

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The list of the successful aspirants for consular honors was made public a few days ago. The name of not one of the colored men who took the examination appears.

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A public reception in honor of Senator Foraker is planned for March 6, to take place at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, marking his retirement from congressional life.

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Register W. T. Vernon is booked for a number of speeches during the month of February at different places in Oklahoma, under the auspices of the State Constitutional League. He is to be the principal speaker at the Crispus Attucks Lincoln Day celebration in Cleveland, February 12.

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Mrs. Edward E. Cooper, widow of the late editor of The Colored American, has been appointed to a snug berth in the District building. The appointment was made upon the recommendation of a number of leading colored men of the country, who were among the close friends of the deceased journalist.

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Local interest attaches to the meeting of the executive committee of the National Negro Business League, at Tuskegee, last week. The date for the next session of the National League was set for August 18, 19 and 20, at Louisville, Ky. The Washington League will send a banner delegation. The Tuskegee Negro Farmers' Conference, always one of the big events of the year, is to be held at Tuskegee Institute, February 17 and 18.

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The Knights of Pythias of Baltimore gave a magnificent banquet to-night at 2040 Druid Hill avenue—the home of Grand Keeper of Records and Seals Josiah L. Diggs—in honor of Lawyer Thos. L. Jones, of the bar of the District of Columbia. The committee on arrangements was headed by Mr. George A. Watty, Grand Chancellor of the Maryland-Washington jurisdiction. The attendance was large and representative.

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The Woman's Guild of St. Luke's P. E. Church is planning to raise a fund for the overhauling of the Crummell Memorial Rectory, 1411 Corcoran street, the home of the rector of the church, Dr. T. J. Brown. As the inauguration season is rapidly approaching, the ladies in charge are anxious to have their church mansion in a presentable condition when Dr. Brown's host of visitors from abroad put in their appearance. Mrs. Lucy Shepherd, a faithful worker, is taking the lead in this highly deserving cause.

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The "tempest in a teapot," which certain members of Congress are trying to stir up about the positions held by William B. Dulaney and William B. Jackson, will amount to nothing. It is quite a common occurrence to detail employes from the departments for special duty at the White House, and in utilizing the services of Mr. Dulaney as barber and detailing Mr. Jackson as private messenger to Mrs. Roosevelt, the President has not departed from the usual methods in vogue by his predecessors at the White House.

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The Twenty-fourth Infantry figures prominently in the small arms practice for the year 1908. General Wood, commanding the Department of the East, in issuing his general orders announcing the result of the practice, rates the Twenty-fourth Infantry as follows: Individual figure of merit, 78.61; collective figure of merit, 54.24; general figure of merit, 66.43. The highest percentage in the expert rifleman test in the case of enlisted men was made by Sergeant Fred Nance, Company A, Twenty-fourth Infantry, his mark being 83.67.

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Mrs. Carrie W. Clifford, honorary president of the Federation of Colored Women's Clubs of the State of Ohio, delivered a telling address Monday night, at Berean Baptist Church, under the patronage of the Young Women's Christian Association. Her theem was "The Social Impulse," and among other things she pointed out the noble work of Miss Jane Addams, at Hull House, Chicago, as an example of what can be accomplished for the social uplift by devotion, persistent effort and sacrifice. Mrs. Clifford emphasized the need of bath houses for the colored people of Washington.

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Mrs. Portia M. Washington-Pittman, now living with her husband, Architect W. Sidney Pittman, in their elegant suburban home, "Little White Tips," Fairmount Heights, is giving instruction on the piano to a large and increasing class of pupils. She is a brilliant performer and a successful instructor, using a $1,000 "baby grand," the gift of her father, Dr. Booker T. Washington. Mr. Pittman is president of the Fairmount Heights Citizens' Association, which is making many improvements in the village, and is president of the Washington branch of the National Negro Business League.

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A large delegation of ministers of the M. E. Church waited upon President Roosevelt, Tuesday afternoon, to tell him of what that connection is doing in West Africa. They were warmly greeted by the chief executive. The seventy-fifth anniversary of the mission work of the church in Africa is being celebrated here. A big mass meeeting was held Tuesday night at Asbury Church, to inspire public interest in the cause. The speakers included Vice President Fairbanks, Senator Dolliver and Bishop Hartzell.

The United Order of True Reformers installed officers last Friday night at their hall. Chief Walter R. Griffin presided.

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Miss Nannie Helen Burroughs, a Washington girl who has developed into a thoroughly national character, and is now corresponding secretary of the Woman's Convention, auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, and manager of the Baptist Old Folks' Home, as well as superintendent of the new School of Domestic Science for Girls, near Bennings, in this city, is one of the best platform speakers in the country, and never fails to inspire her hearers with a keener zest for righteousness and a stronger impulse for race advancement. Miss Burroughs will be in Washington next month, and is sure to receive a warm welcome at the hands of her old friends and co-workers.

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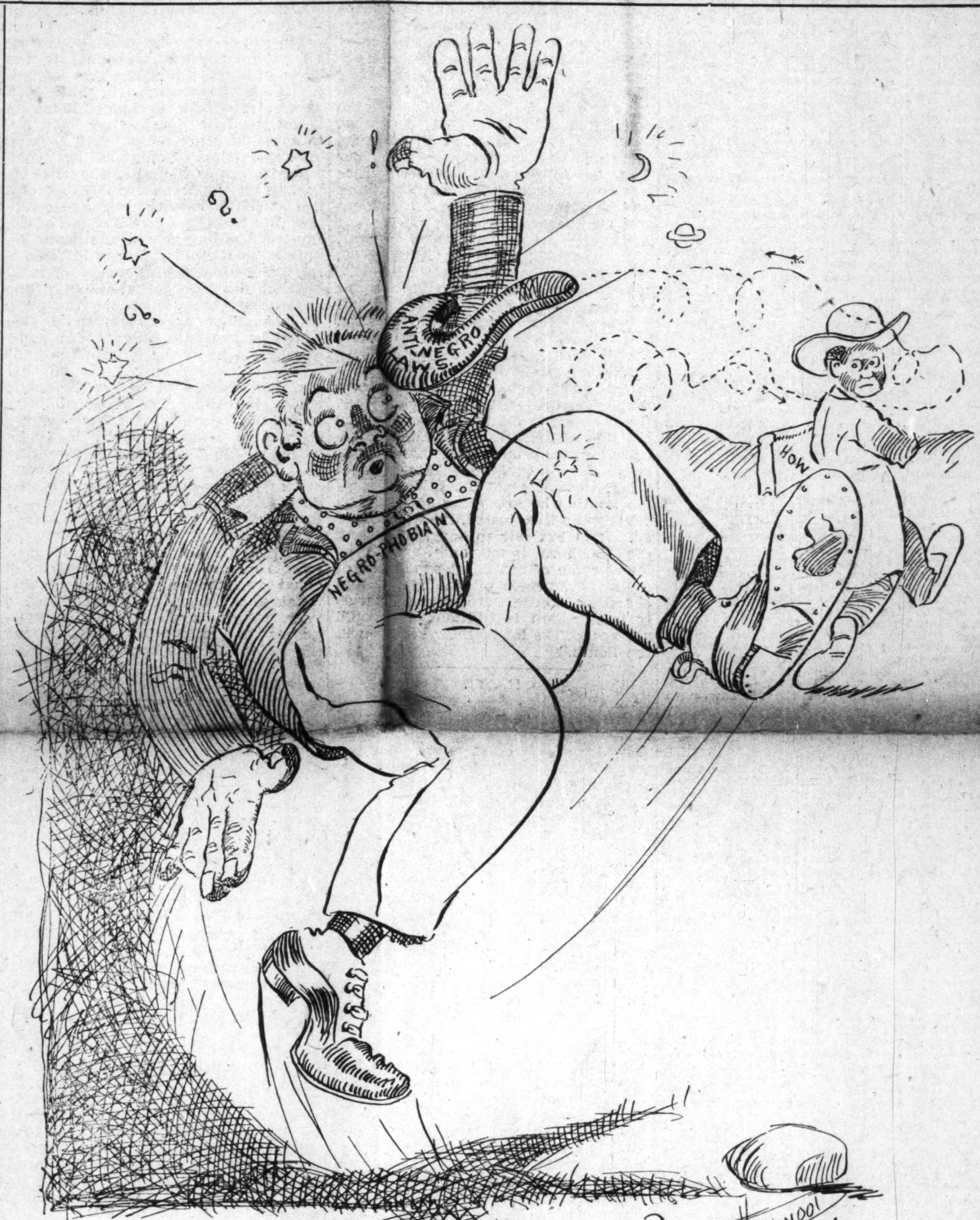

Mr. Isaac Hathaway, the noted Kentucky sculptor, has opened a well-appointed studio in this city and is putting on the market some lifelike busts and plaques of prominent men. His reproduction of the features of Rev. George W. Lee, pastor of the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, is perfect, and the bust is having a large sale among his immense flock. Mr. Hathaway is at work on a bust of Dr. Booker T. Washington, and those who have seen it, even in its uncompleted state, say it promises to be the young artist's masterpiece. Mr. Hathaway's model for the memorial to Paul Lawrence Dunbar will probably be accepted by the committee representing the citizens of Dayton, Ohio.

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The strong movement for a special Negro department in connection with the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition at Seattle, Wash., to begin in June, has been abandoned, owing to the short time in which to take the necessary preparations. The value of having a creditable exhibit of the resources of the Negro race was recognized by the men at the head of the Jamestown enterprise, but after examination of the situation, it was decided that the work of pushing an appropriation through Congress and the assembling of the material in the far-away State of Washington was too great to be accomplished in the few weeks intervening between now and the date of the opening of the show.

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Attorney T. J. Calloway, special agent of the Lincoln Land and Improvement Company, was in Richmond, Va., last week, in the interest of his land project at Lincoln, D. C., and is in Atlanta this week on the same mission. He has already sold upwards of a hundred of the lots in this attractive suburb to responsible business and professional men, and every purchaser is giving the enterprise a hearty indorsement, pronouncing it a splendid means of assisting industrious colored families to secure homes in a healthy environment, away from the congested city districts. Mr. Calloway has just purchased a handsome home for himself and family at 1335 T street, N. W., one of the most desirable locations in the national capital.

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Architect John A. Lankford attended the ground-breaking exercises which marked the beginning of the construction work on the new five-story Masonic Temple to be built at Jacksonville by the Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge, F. and A. M. of Florida. The erection will be supervised by Mr. Lankford. When completed the structure will cost $100,000. At the grand banquet following the program of the day Mr. Lankford spoke to the toast, "Our Visitors," being eulogistically introduced by Prof. Walter I. Lewis. At the afternoon ground-breaking Mr. Lankford was presented to the vast assemblage by Hon. Julius L. Mitchell, of Providence, R. I., said to be one of the greatest lawyers in the country.

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Senator Milton, who hails from Florida, has introduced a bill in Congress making it a felony for any minister or justice of the peace to unite in marriage a Negro and a white woman, the law to apply, of course, to the District of Columbia and the Territories. Nobody takes the measure seriously, and there is not the slightest probability of its being enacted into law. The agitation of the matter is said to be due largely to the fact that quite a number of "mixed marriages" have taken place in the city within the last few months. If Milton can have his way, the violators of his law will get ten years in the "pen" and a fine of $1,000. A person with one-eighth or more of Negro blood in his veins shall be considered as of the African race. "Mixed" marriages are to be null and void, and any issue resulting from them shall be adjudged illegitimate and incapable of inheritance. Phew!

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Preparations are being made for a fitting observance of the centennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. The Crispus Attucks Association has taken the initiative in the matter, and by its invitation three delegates from each of the many Negro organizations in the District have been holding meetings with a view of laying out the ground work of a monster celebration on February 12. Efforts are being made to make the affair truly national in scope, and it is likely that Metropolitan A. M. E. Church will be secured for the occasion. The officers selected by the provisional organization are: L. M. Hershaw, president; John C. Dancy, vice president; Perri W. Frisby, secretary; Stewart M. Lewis, assistant secretary; John S. Brooks, treasurer. John C. Dancy is chairman of the committee on program, and George C. Brown has been delegated to look after a suitable place for the great meeting.

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A conference of the Nation's best thinkers is to be held in this city on the 25th and 26th of January, at the White House, to take steps to improve existing methods of caring for dependent children. The conference is the result of a suggestion by be his guests. Besides such eminent charity workers, sociologists and educators as E. P. Bicknell, secretary of the National Red Cross Society; Dr. E. E. Brown, Commissioner of Education; Judge W. H. DeLacy, of the Juvenile Court; Commissioner and Mrs. H. B. Macfarland; D. Pickman Mann, president of the Board of Children's Guardians, etc., an invitation has been extended to Dr. Booker T. Washington to take part with the committee in devising ways and means for bettering the condition of dependent children. It may be mentioned in this connection that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Jeanes Fund will be held in the White House, by invitation of President-to-be Taft, who is an active member of the board and will continue as such.

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The office of secretary-treasurer of Howard University is now vacant. Prof. George William Cook is filling the position temporarily. A sentiment has developed looking to the appointment of Mr. Andrew F. Hilyer, for twenty-five years an attache of the Treasury Department, and an expert accountant of rare qualifications. Mr. Hilyer served with distinction as secretary-treasurer of the Negro department of the Jamestown Exposition, and not one dolla rof the $100,000 appropriation granted by Congress went astray. His boows were kept so plainly and with such perfect system that at any moment during the life of the executive committee the financial status of the enterprise could have been accurately determined. The se-President Roosevelt, and the delegates will lection of Mr. Hilyer for the responsible work devolving upon a secretary-treasurer at Howard University would be eminently satisfactory to the friends of that great institution. It is understood that Mr. Hilyer is willing to accept the place, and, if chosen, would sever his connection with the government so as to give his full time to the work at Howard.

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As the time for the induction of President Taft into office draws nigh, the "dark horses" who want office are emerging from the tall timber. Rumors are flying thick and fast, but no one seems to know just what is going to happen to himself or the other fellow. Attempts are being made to effect combinations for offense and defense, but it is being found difficult to tie up in a fashion that will guarantee results; hence, combinations are at a pronounced discount. Register Vernon denounces as a lie made out of whole cloth the talk about his being a party to a scheme said to have originated in Cleveland, looking to unhorsing Auditor Tyler as Ohio's recognized leader, and favoring the ascendency of the Brascher-Fleming-

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LINCOLN INSTITUTE NOTES

INSTITUTION AT JEFFERSON CITY DOING GOOD WORK

THE LAW AND ORDER GLUB INDORSED

By Citizens of Dallas, Tex., for Crusade Against All Forms of Evil—Death of J. R. Brown—Society at Urbana.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Monday, January 4, 1909, found faculty and students of Lincoln Institute back in their respective places ready and enthusiastic for work after a round of holiday pleasure.

Many new students, encouraged by the excellent reports of those who went home, have matriculated with the beginning of the new year and are now hard at work.

The Missouri Legislature is in session and many legislators, with their families and friends, have already come out to visit this institution, and with one accord all have expressed themselves to Dr. Allen as extremely well pleased with all they have seen in the various literary and industrial departments.

It is interesting to note that the gavels used in the Senate and the House of Representatives were made by young men in the Mechanical Department, were presented by Dr. Allen and received in both houses with hearty applause.

In fact, nothing but good words are heard on all sides from the legislators relative to the excellent work that is being done by Lincoln Institute, through its scholarly president, Dr. Allen, and his faithful corps of teachers.

Many of the graduates of the institution who are now teaching were present at the recent teachers' association assembled in Kansas City, and all of these graduates furnished unmistakable signs of progress and general prosperity, thus speaking volumes for the character of the training which they received while here.

Houston Schweich, alumnus of '08, now a student in the Medical Department of Howard University, made highest averages in a class of one hundred and sixty-five, in a recent examination, and similar instances are frequent.

In a far greater degree than is true in most schools devoted to higher rather than elementary education, as is rightly expected of normal schools and colleges, Lincoln Institute throughout the entire course places great stress upon correct English, reading, spelling, penmanship, quick methods of dealing with figures, etc. That is, Dr. Allen is endeavoring to build up a great school, whose graduates may go forth into the world and be able to do things both quickly and well.

DALLAS, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Law and Order Clubs of the city should be highly indorsed by every law-abiding citizen in the metropolis, because they have taken a stand for the many rights against every class of evil-doing, which is against our people....Funeral services held over the remains of Mr. J. R. Brown, Sunday, were very impressive, owing to the fact that in life he was a great race man and was well posted on things of interest to the race. His thorough knowledge of events caused many to consult him. Mr. Brown was a member of Metropolitan Lodge, G. U. O. of O. F., under whose auspices his funeral was held at New Hope Baptist Church, Dr. A. S. Jackson, pastor, officiating. Many touching resolutions were read. In early days Mr. Brown was a member of the local bands, and at one time was a traveling minstrel and member of the famous Georgia Minstrels. Nearly eevry musician in the city participated in a mass band under Prof. H. D. Spears, and discoursed music to and from the cemetery. His Many friends were out in numbers. He leaves a mother, wife, brothers, sisters and other relatives to mourn his demise. He told many visitors at his bedside that he was ready and waiting for the last moment to come and bear him home. The casket was hidden with floral offerings. ....Mrs. Ena Brown and Mrs. Daisy Lee, of Minneapolis, are here for a three months' visit among relatives and friends. ....H. W. Scott & Co., Hooper the Druggist, and Lemmon Bros. are to be congratulated on their 1909 calendars.... Roberson, the tailor, is doing business on East Elm street....We welcome to our city the Lecture Bureau, with a membership of over 4,000, which is said to benefit our people in many ways....Wives, see that your men folks qualify by having a poll tax receipt. Only one more week to get it....See J. G. Griffin and pay at 190 Main street. You can order The Freeman every day in advance.

URBANA, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. Pearl Waugh went to Columbus, O., Tuesday, and returned on Wednesday. He attended the inauguration of Governor Harmon....Mrs. R. Johnson, of Cleveland, is in Urbana on missionary work. ....Pearl Waugh has gone to Wheeling, W. Va., to accept a position in a hotel.... Leslie Guy has gone to Wilberforce to take up the business course....Mrs. Johnson, of Cleveland, has organized a Junior Missionary Society, with Miss Lulu Armfield as superintendent; Miss Vivian Hill, president; Miss Marie Ward, treasurer; Miss Marjorie Ward, secretary; Miss Helen Waugh, corresponding secretary; Miss Marjorie Hill and Miss Lule Underwood, appointees. Miss Grace Jennings, Miss Leona Hill and Miss Muriel Roberts are the Sunshine committee....The Junior Missionary Society will meet at the home of Miss Helen Waugh, in Hillston, Saturday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock.... Mrs. Taboin is very ill at her home in South Main street....Mrs. Malvina Waugh and Mrs. George Farmer went to the sick bed of Mrs. Waugh's brother, in Springfield, on Tuesday....Quite a number of Urbana people went to Springfield to attend the "Smart Set" at the Fairbanks Theater.

IN THE WOMAN'S WORLD.

BY "DOROTHY"

This column is devoted to the interests of all women and their organizations also. Address all communications to Dorothy, The Freeman Indianapolis, Ind.

THE BATTLE OF LIFE.

I must be strong of soul and staunch of heart,
No matter what the odds;
The long day's sturdy struggle is my part—
The far result is God's.

Not mine to wet the page of yesterday
With unavailing tears,
Nor strive to clear the mystery of a way
Far leading through the years.

Mine just to meet and conquer, hour by hour,
The thing that men call "Fate,"
Going from strength to strength, from power to power,
Rising from state to state:

Fighting, face starward, through the changing wars
With which a world is rife,
So that my soul may borrow from the stars
Courage and light and life:

Cleaving the shadow with unswerving faith,
So I may move aright;
Down to the valley of the shade of death
Walking a path of light:

Till at last, weary, I touch the goal,
And know the journey blest;
Ready, though staunch of heart and strong of soul,
Aye, ready—for my rest!

NANCY BYRD TURNER.

MAYOR ASKED TO ELIMINATE FALLEN NEGRO WOMEN

Among the things asked the mayor of Cincinnati, O., by the Colored Law and Order League of that city is the elimination of fallen Negro women. It is gratifying to know that this particular phase of evil and menace to the race will be given consideration by the law. But in what manner? is the question. Will they force them to leave that city to go to some other and go on in the same old way, or will some means of reform be employed to bring them back to the pathway of right doing?

Right here is work for our women's clubs, and real work only will answer the call. The cause of the fall of a woman is not always known. However, few are born low in morals; generally the lowness is acquired through the badness which has the resemblance of good. But whatever the cause, we have them among us.

Women meet from week to week, discuss their neighbors during the social period, read and discuss old and worn subjects, which matter is dug up from encyclopedias and have no bearing upon present needs. Or afternoons are spent in card games for prizes—polite gambling. To most women it is all right, but their condemnation knows no bounds when it comes to the man who gambles. What is the difference, except the man plays for large game, the woman for a plate or vase?

Couldn't a part of the valuable time wasted be given to helping the unfortunates. Let there be no theories unless the solutions accompany them.

We shall watch with much interest the course to be taken by the mayor of Cincinnati and the Colored Law and Order League, and perhaps the men may be able to do while the women remain indifferent.

INSTALLED PRESIDENT.

Mrs. Elizabeth Harley Forbes of Boston, Mass., has been installed as president of Mrs. John A. Andrews Tent No. 1, Daughters of Veterans, January 6. Mrs. Forbes is the only colored member of the Tent and has risen to her position through the different stations of the organization. She is the daughter of the late W. H. G. Harley of Kingston, N. Y., who served throughout the Civil War.

DEPENDS UPON THE MOTHERS.

In an article on "The Boys and Girls," by T. B. Sayles, Enid, Miss., he makes the following appeal:

"Now, mothers, the hope of a well-trained generation depends entirely upon you. Will you do your duty or will you let the race go back instead of advancing? I will be glad to read an article on the following subject: 'The causes of sickness and weakness among our race.'"

WOMAN DIES AT AGE OF 107.

Former Slave Remembered Seeing Jefferson and Madison.

Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson of Evansville, Ind., colored and a former slave, is dead at her home in that city at the age of 107. She was the oldest woman in Vanderburg county. She was born in Virginia and lived in that State during the War of 1812. She had seen Jefferson and Madison on a number of occasions. Her death was due to grip, and up to a short time ago she had always enjoyed good health.

THE LOUISE JUVENILE HOME AT CHICAGO.

Mrs. Elizabeth McDonald is the founder of the Louise Juvenile Home for Neglected and Dependent Children and also probation officer of the Juvenile Court. Mrs. McDonald made her annual report to the A. M. E. Illinois Conference and among the interesting things given are the following: From a spiritual standpoint: In her own home Mrs. McDonald has held 104 prayer meetings. Outside of the home, 124 prayer meetings were held, 25 of these in penal institutions, with 46 converts as the result; 300 books collected.

Besides having quite a number of children in her charge from the Juvenile Court, she has had 15 prisoners paroled to her from the penitentiary, 4 of whom have been finally discharged.

One year ago last October, Mrs. McDonald established the Louise Juvenile Home for Dependent and Neglected Children and the following February property was furnished consisting of an eleven-room house and a lot 25 by 111 feet for the permanent home. The cost of this property was $2,400, of which $600 cash was paid. The advisory board is: Rev. Timothy Reeves, president; J. L. Whitman, treasurer; Cecila Johnson, secretary.

William O. Lamonte, legal advisor, is also in connection with the work. A woman's club has been organized for the benefit of the home, of which Mrs. A. M. Smith of Bethel A. M. E. Church of Chicago is president.

Fifty-one children were cared for during the year. Total donations for the year, $868.50. Expenses, $1,800.

"A WOMAN'S POINT OF VIEW."

Miss Blanche L. Atwood of the class of '09 of Fisk University, writes very interestingly on this subject in a recent edition of the *Fisk University Herald*. The article in full defends the women as to their knowledge of affairs in general. It is very true that men think that women know nothing of vital importance, for no other reason than that she is a woman. In part Miss Atwood says:

"There has always been something peculiarly annoying to me in the way that men generally insist on ignoring a woman's opinion in the discussion either of current events or of views on certain phases of political life.

"There seems to be an assumption among men that women do not read the papers, that they are not a part of any civil life and are not vitally interested in the daily occurrences of public events.

"Often I have heard men, especially in school life, discuss the affairs of national public life among themselves, totally ignoring the girls around them, and I have known girls to be interested in such discussians, but afraid to venture an opinion because of the sarcasm which might follow. Sometimes I have seen them gracious enough to open the subject to the girls, but if one chances to differ in opinion she meets with such a rebuff as this: 'You girls know nothing about politics,' or 'Girls read nothing but novels and yellow literature.' * * *

"Now it seems to me that in this age, which we all agree in terming the acme of civilization, there might be more justice. As there has been advancement in other phases of life, why can not there be progress here? I am willing as one of my sex to let the man continue to be the leader. I admit that the affairs of State should be in his hand, but I insist that the woman should not altogether be shut out, that she should not be treated with contempt when she proves that she is interested.

"I am not pleading that men sympathize or forbear with women in their shortcomings; all we want is a square deal. There are young men who do not keep informed on current events and they are not treated with contempt by those who do. We do not want consideration merely because we are women. Let all who read be treated according to merit and not sex. If there are women who read, give them the same respect that is given a man who reads, and thus a pleasant and profitable relation may exist on an equal basis between all who are to be intelligent on public matters, whether they are men or women."

Miss Atwood strikes the keynote when she says, "We do not want consideration merely because we are women. Let all who read be treated according to merit and not sex." Let us hold high that banner whose inscription is "Merit," for it gives encouragement and inspiration to all. It plays no favorites. If we have the inclination to climb up on the ladder of success, we know that merit is the test and there is no reason why we should not be informed along all lines that touch upon our welfare.

REVIEW OF MINNESOTA AFRO-AMERICAN CLUBS.

The State Federation of Afro-American Women's Clubs convenes in Duluth, Minn., the last week in July. The clubs of Duluth are wide awake and rank high in philanthropic and literary work.

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Miss Lillian A. Turner, president of the State Federation, is one of the foremost women of our race in this State, an eloquent speaker and forceful writer. Unstinted praise is due her for the remarkable work she has accomplished in the Juvenile Court of this city for the benefit of our incorrigible boys and girls. Many have been placed into good homes and induced to live upright lives. On January 25, Mrs. Turner leaves for Duluth, where she will be royally entertained by the clubs of that city. While there she will deliver three formal addresses upon "The Work of Women in the Uplift of the Race." She has also been appointed district club organizer of the Northwestern States.

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The Adelphel Club, of which Mrs. Samuel Williams is president, is doing splendid work. The club pays the rent and buys food for several of our elderly ladies and it also takes great interest in the Crispus Attucks Colored Orphanage and the Baby Home, in which a room has been reserved for Afro-American baby waifs.

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Mrs. Addie Bellesene has charge of the Mothers' Club of this city and her work also deserves commendation.

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The Social and Literary Club, under the presidency of Mrs. Lulu Chapman, is doing great work as an auxiliary of Pilgrim Baptist Church. It has probably done more along the development of the social and literary life in St. Paul than any other club. Mrs. Maymie G. Williams, a member of this club, has just published a little book.

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The Monday Art Club has in the past accomplished much good work. At their annual art exhibits there has been some first-class workmanship displayed in china painting, embroidery, Battenburg work and burnt wood work. The crayon picture of Frederick Douglass by Miss Hattie Douglass deserves great praise.

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The Arbuteus and M. T. C. R.'s of Minneapolis are both busy literary and philanthropic clubs. Mrs. Iona E. Gibbs is president of the M. T. C. R.'s and chairman of the national executive board. She is also a busy worker in both philanthropic and literary lines.

Mamie E. Gail is stenographer for the Y. M. C. A. at New York City.

Mrs. Laura Hill is matron in the woman's gallery in the Colorado Legislature.

The Woman's Auxiliary of Omaha, Neb., celebrated their twenty-first anniversary New Year's day at the Rectory.

Elizabeth La Rue is the only Negro student at Hamline University of Minnesota, and will graduate next June.

Mrs. Maude Smith Watt, as enrolling clerk in a Republican Legislature; Mrs. Beatrice Thompson, four years in the county treasurer's office; Miss Marceline Early, four years in city auditor's office; Mrs. Ida De Priest, two terms as clerk in Secretary of State's office; Miss Pearl Ramey, in the assessor's office, are colored women who have served the State of Colorado.

The Women's Auxiliary to the Carlton Avenue Branch Y. M. C. A. of Brooklyn, N. Y., held its regular public meeting the last Sunday in December. Mrs. Alice W. Wiley read a paper on "United Womanhood," and Mrs. M. C. Lawton gave an address on "The Importance of Developing Young Manhood." Mrs. William T. Abbott is the president of the organization.

Miss Elizabeth C. Carter, president of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, was the principal speaker at the public meeting of the Metropolitan Woman's Business Club of Brooklyn, N. Y., last month. Miss M. R. Lyons, Mrs. A. W. Wiley, L. C. Collins of the Metropolitan Realty Company and Fred R. Moore were also among the speakers. Miss I. L. Moorman is president of the club.

THE NEGRO MOVEMENT TO THE SOUTH.

Rev. Dr. Webber, in discussing what he considers the Negro movement to the South, observes in part as follows:

"It is freely admitted that there are limitations and restrictions placed about the Negro in the South, that are galling and humiliating to the more ambitious of the race. As a general thing, these do not obtain at the North, and, as a consequence, restless and discontented Negroes have joined some of their better-spirited brothers and turned their faces northward, looking for a home where equal opportunity and privilege with all other men shall be theirs. This is a perfectly natural immigration movement. Many of their teachers and best friends, in whom they had perfect confidence, came from the North, and they were told that across the river came freedom, and that there was to be found equality and opportunity.

While this movement has been in progress for more than forty years, it has been a thin stream, and in volume has not been sufficient to alter the course of the general current that is moving steadily toward the Gulf of Mexico. The total number of Negroes now living in the thirty-one free States of the North and West does not equal the Negro population of the State of Alabama. The total annual increase of the Northern Negro element from all sources is just about equal to the natural increase of the Negro population of Georgia. In 1860 there were 344,719 Negroes at the North, and in 1900 there were 911,025; while for the South for the corresponding dates there were 4,097,111 and 7,922,696. Forty years ago there were 7.8 per cent of the Negro population at the North, and now 10.3 per cent are to be found there. The New England States and the States of the far Northwest are showing a progressive decrease in Negro population. The Negro population in rural sections of all Northern States is rapidly decreasing, and there is an increase in the Negro element of the Northern cities—the larger the city, the larger the influx of Negroes. From 1880 to 1900 the Negro population of Northern cities of 4,000 and more inhabitants doubled. The Northern cities of 100,000 and more inhabitants increased more than three times more rapidly in Negro population than in white population. Today two of the four largest aggregations of Negroes in the world are increasing at many times the rate at which Southern cities are increasing. It will be a matter of surprise to some to learn that while for the decade of 1890-1900 the Negro population of New York increased 157.8 per cent, and that of Chicago, Cleveland and Pittsburg over 100 per cent, the increase in Southern cities was very low. In Richmond, Va., there was an actual decrease of 0.3 per cent and the increase in other cities was: Baltimore, 18.1 per cent; New Orleans, 20.5; Washington, 14.7; Charleston, 1.08; Nashville, 2.3, and Atlanta, 29.3. The total increase of population for the same period was: Baltimore, 30.7 per cent; New Orleans, 12; Atlanta, 75.2; Washington, 29.7; Charleston, 9.9; Nashville, 75.7.

The movement northward is significant, and makes the general Negro problem more national in character. It adds another distinct element to the problem of the great city, and has assumed such proportions that it can no longer be ignored. As a general thing, it is not the best Negroes of the South who are going north. It is usually the ill-adjusted, the discontented. It is but fair to say that among the Northern immigrants are to be found some of the finest specimens of their race, people of intelligence and character. These were educated largely in northern institutions and could not accept the lot of their brethren in the South."

HAITI.

Gen. Simon, leader of the recent revolution, is now president of Hayti. How long he will stay president depends on his ability to keep down the various aspirants for his job. But this is no time to speak discouragingly of that country; it needs sympathy. It needs sympathy because so ill adapted to the ways of the advanced governments. Hayti is most favorably invironed—situated amid seas, bathed by ocean mists, warm and genial; favored by an eventual sun that clarifies, insuring the most riotous vegetation—agriculture, the "ground structure" of all countries. Hayti's commerce should accentuate its trail in all needs by its fragrant fruits and spices—then sugar, tobacco, etc.

A government set up by force of necessity must resort to force to perpetuate itself. The feudal aspect is an anachronism in the accident, especially among the more conspicuous nations. The way that Gen. Simon came to the presidency will not be instructive history for Negro students in Hayti, nor elsewhere. Yet he may do great things; may pave the way to peaceful succession to the presidency. He must do things or else by tht logic of things he will depart by the means by which he came.

The Haytians are turbulent and facteious—French descended, Negro in the main and of the volcanic belt, a compound insuring the result unknown. But as intemperate spiritually as they are, they may yet be reworked, refined and drawn—done in the cruicibles of our modern cizilization measured by its nearby country—the United States. With conditions given it has a right to come up, and not remain simply alive enough to become a tempting morsel for the swallowing.

Greater countries want but very little excuse to take in smaller ones. Discourses on property rights avail nothing in these bigger moments of country-taking. Land grabbing has always been fashionable, and regardless of our country's fine nation of independence it has the itching palm, and Hayti should govern itself accordingly.

Again, the Simon government may work wonders. It can introduce the needed reforms; it can copy the results of experience in the United States, setting in motion all phases of civil life until the little island hums and shakes with industry as a loom. It is Simon's opportunity; it is high noon with Hayti. If the disposition to do is not inherent by nature, it must be engrafted—enfroced cultivation. Anything to save against absorption by the greater forces.

THE SCHOOL TEACHERS OF JAMAICA.

The school teachers of Jamaica are having the same difficulty concerning their pay as they have generally in the United States, and perhaps everywhere. A publication of the island in discussing the matter urges that the Governor be petitioned on the matter. It says:

"The elementary teachers of Jamaica are not a handsomely paid body of men—we are told they are not even adequately paid, and as they are compelled to live up to a certain standard, to appear decent, if nothing else, they find that the salary earned is not enough to live up and put by for 'rainy days.'

"Perhaps his excellency would say they are not thrifty, but we have reason to know that with few exceptions the teachers of Jamaica—the most thrifty—find it a difficult thing to live up to appearances, much more to put away something for days of sickness, distress or old age.

A benevolent society is to be formed to give help in time of sickness and the like; it will therefore be seen that the teachers are trying to help themselves where they can, and w think the government should help them where they can not help themselves. The teachers must however take the initiative step and we advise them to do so at once."

The cry is about the same as it is in this country, and to the effect that nothing can be saved out of the ordinary teacher's salary. Yet the ordinary teacher will get old, is growing older every day. In event they survive their schoolroom usefulness they will have a sorry road to travel. The condition here, however, has been seen, where steps have been taken to preserve against the possible hard future. The Jamaican teachers, indeed, will have to begin learning to care for themselves. A few dollars per month extra would help, but very little. Old age pension or retirement on half pay will be the best means of protection. Many of the better class cities of our country have some such schemes, supported by the cities or the teachers.

The teacher is the poorest paid of all public workers, according to the class of work, including the requirements of the situation. In these days expert training is demanded, such as is not required of any other class, not to speak of the constant vigil by way of supervision. Doubtless the communities are as liberal as they can be, paying all the treasuries will permit. But at that it seems a strange condition that first-class clerks, those of the same education, where the work requires equal ability, are paid from a third more to twice as much. It must be that the teachers are simply one unfortunate class, just like the poor. If those poor were rich, those rich would be poor. In other words, some one has to be at the bottom rung. It is unfortunate that it must be that very useful class which has the young nation in hand. The responsibilities of the teachers are great, yet they are thoroughly trusted to train the young nation aright or else more would be paid for the work. Very complimentary to the teacher, but fine speeches do not butter any parsnips, according to Carlyle.

The teachers, however, know the condition. They know that if their pay was commensurate with others of equal qualification that they would break the treasuries about twice a year. They have wisely banded together in many instances, taxing themselves for the benefit of the sick, and those that fall outside of the breastworks.

AN ATROCIOUS DEED.

The atrocious murder of Capt. Rankin, and the would-be murder of Judge Taylor, of Tennessee, by a gang of men said to be "Night Riders," is without precedent in the country. Negroes from time to time have been treated equally as cruel, but they were seldom of such standing as the two victims, Rankin and Taylor. The Negroes were generally accused of "awful" crimes, while these two white men are accused of inconveniencing through some sort of a land deal.

We are concerned to the extent that the summary vengeance taken so often of the Negro has made a condition which resulted in this most heinous offense. We are of the opinion that the condition is the direct result of the conduct so often displayed toward the Negroes, paving the way for the reception of greater and uglier designs through the experiences. Whether this be true or not, we know that these two white men suffered the awful fate meted out so often to Negroes, and it stands to reason that the lesson of cruelty had been learned long before.

What will the South expect, when any section of it tramples the laws under the feet, taking on authority to do what the courts are expressly prepared to do? It perhaps was not dreamed that the tables would turn as this instance proves. White men were not thought "capable" of committing the atrocity, and for which four of them also go to their deaths. That four suffer at the hands of the law is imple proof of the gravity of the offense. But by way of comment we may say that had it been Negroes committing the same offense, the penalty would have been paid long ere this. It is this fact that makes the awful condition. Colored men may be assaulted by white men who, as a rule, escape all punishment. Colored men assaulting white men must pay instantly the greatest penalty known.

The condition has become contagious, as the result in Tennessee plainly shows. And why shouldn't it be? The much advertising of anything makes it common, makes it well known. Men in the lynching business sometimes forget the manner of victim, but remember the system. It was so in this case. Had not the lynching idea been so prevalent, the maltreatment of Negroes so flagrant at times the infection would not have reached out to the murderers in this case. It says very plainly that if such offenses are not to be expected, that they must be stopped altogether. Negroes have been the playthings of mobs, but there has been no particular reason for it. True enough, that now and then one breaks out and does a bad act, but as bad as it may be, the law is all powerful to apprehend. What punishment the mob may mete out the court is just as competent and quite as willing to do the same. So the mob is without legs on which to stand as a thing of logic. It will pay the mob to stop and think if it bears in its wake such fruit as was evidenced in the treatment of these two honorable white men of Tennessee.

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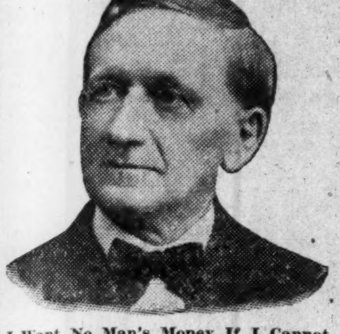

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Both combatants were now thoroughly exhausted. Lane concentrated all his remaining strength in throttling the savage. But just as the tense form beneath him grew lax with evident unconsciousness and the head fell limply back, extending over the edge of the cliff, his own head was jerked violently backward by a noose cast around his lacerated neck.

When Lane recovered consciousness he found himself lying on his back, bound hand and foot by a lariat and looking up into a grinning face that he recognized.

"Buck McKee!" he gasped. "This is certainly white of you considering the circumstances of our last meeting. Did you come with the rurales?"

"No; I come ahead uv 'em! In fact, Dick Lane, you air jes' a leetle bit off in yer idees about which party I belong to. When you cussed me fer a thievin' half breed an' run me off the range an' tole me to go to the Injuns, whar I belonged, I tuk yer advice. I'm what you might call the rear guard uv the outfit you've jes' been havin' yer shootin' match with—or I wuz the rear guard, fer you've wiped out the whole battalion, so fer as I can see. Served 'em right fer detailin' me, the only decent shooter in the bunch, to watch the horses. I got one shot in as it wuz. Well, as the last uv the outfit I own a string of ten ponies. All I need now to set up in business is to have some prospector who hain't long to live leave me his leetle pile uv dust an' nuggets an' the claims he's located back in the mountains. You look a leetle mite like the man. It'll save vallible time if you make yer dear friend Buck McKee administrator uv yer estate without too much persuadin'. You had some objection oncet to my slittin' a calf's tongue. Well, you needn't be scared jes' yet. That's the last thing I'll do to you. Come, whar's yer cache? I know you've got one hereabouts, fer I foun' signs uv the dust in yer pack."

Lane set his teeth in a firm resolution not to say a word. The taunts of his captor were harder to bear in silence than the prospects of torture.

"Stubborn, hey? Well, we'll try a little 'Pache persuadin'." And the renegade dragged his helpless captive up to the thorny sahuaro and bound his back against it with the dead horse's bridle. McKee searched through Lane's pockets until he found a match.

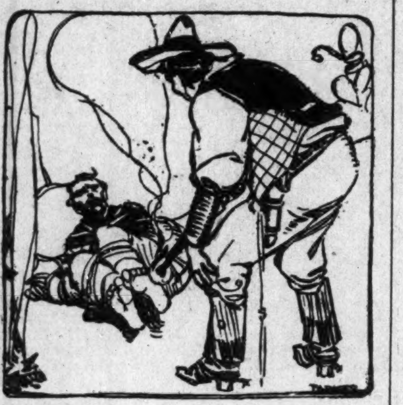
"Last one, hey? Kinder 'propriate. Las' drink from the old canteen, las' ca'tridge, las' look at the scenery an' las' will an' testyment. Oh, time's precious, but I'll spare you enough to map out in yer mind jes' where them claims is located. The rurales won't be along fer an hour yet if they hain't turned back after our other party."

McKee pulled off Lane's boots. "It hain't decent fer a man to die with 'em on," he said. He then kindled a fire on the stone, beneath which, if he but knew it, lay the treasure he sought. He returned with a burning brand to the captive. For the first time he observed the snake impaled on the sahuaro, writhing still, but feebly. "Hello, ole rattler!" he exclaimed. "Here's somethin' to stir you up." And he tossed the brand upon the top of the cactus.

Taking another burning stick from the fire, he applied it to the soles of his victim's feet. Lane writhed and groaned under the excruciating torture, but uttered no word or cry. McKee brought other brands and began piling them about his captive's feet.

In the meantime the sahuaro had caught fire at the top and was burning down through the interior. A thin column of smoke rose straight above it in the still air. The rurales in the valley below, who had reached the beginning of the ascending trail and were on the point of giving up the pursuit, saw the smoke and inferred that the Apaches, either through overconfidence or because of their superstitious fear of the mountains, which they supposed inhabited by spirits, had camped on the edge of the valley and were signaling to their other party. Accordingly the Mexicans renewed the chase with increased vigor.

As McKee bent over his captive's feet, piling against them the burning ends of the sticks, the rattlesnake on the sahuaro, incited by the fire above, struggled free from the impaling thorns by a desperate effort and dropped on the back of the half breed. It struck its fangs into his neck. McKee, springing up with an energy that scattered the sticks he was piling, tore the reptile loose, hurled it upon the ground and stamped it into the earth. Then he picked up one of the brands and with it cauterized the wound. All the while he was cursing volubly—the snake, himself and even Dick Lane, who was now lying in a dead faint caused by the torture.



Lane writhed and groaned.

"Curse such a prospector! Not a drop of whisky in his outfit! I'd slit his tongue fer him if he wasn't already done fer. I must keep movin', movin', or I'm a dead man. I must hustle along to the mountains, leadin' my horse. Up there I'll find yarbs to cure snake bite that my Cherokee grandmother showed me. The rurales will have to get the other ponies, but some day I'll come back after Lane's cache."

A half hour later the Mexican guards appeared upon the scene and unbound Lane's unconscious form from the sahuaro, which the fire had consumed to within a foot of his bowed head. They deluged his face and back and bathed his tortured feet with the contents of their canteens and brought him back to life, but, alas, not to reason.

Six months later there limped out of Chihuahua hospital a discharged patient, wry necked, crook backed, with drawn features and hair and beard streaked with gray. It was Dick Lane restored to his old physical strength, so far as the distortion of his spine caused by his torture permitted, and to the full possession of his mental faculties. He mounted one of the captured ponies and rode off with the proceeds of the sales of the others in his pocket to purchase provisions for a return to his prospecting.

Before plunging into the wilderness he wrote a letter:

Chihuahua, Mexico.

Mr. John Payson, Sweetwater Ranch, Florence, Ariz., U. S. A.:

Dear Jack—I have been sick and out of my head in the hospital here for the last six months. Just about the time you all were expecting me home I had a run in with the Apaches. And who do you think was with them? Buck McKee, the half breed that I ran off the range two years ago for tongue slitting. After I had done for all the rest he got me, and—well, the story's too long to write. I rather think McKee has made off with the gold I had cached just before the fight. I'm going back to see, and if he did I'll hustle around to find a buyer for one of my claims. I don't want to sell my big mine, Jack. I tell you I struck it rich! But that story can wait till I get back. Your loan can't, though, so expect to receive $3,000 by express some time before I put in an appearance. I hope you got the mortgage renewed at the end of the year. If my failure to show up then has caused you trouble, you'll forgive me, old fellow, I know, under the circumstances. I'll make it up to you. I owe you everything. You're the best friend a man ever had. That's why I'm writing to you instead of to Uncle Jim, for I want you to do me another friendly service. Just break it gently to Echo Allen that I'm alive and well, though pretty badly damaged by that renegade McKee, and tell her that it wasn't my fault I wasn't home on the day I promised. She'll forgive me, I know, and be patient awhile longer. It's all for her sake I'm staying away. Give her the letter I inclose. Your old bunkie,

DICK LANE.

CHAPTER II.

JIM ALLEN was the sole owner and proprietor of Allen Hacienda. His ranch, the Bar One, stretched for miles up and down the Sweetwater valley. Bounded on the east and west by the foothills, the tract was one of the garden spots of Arizona. Southward lay the Sweetwater ranch, owned by Jack Payson. Northward was the home ranch of the Lazy K, an Ishmaelitish outfit, ever at petty war with the other settlers in the district. It was a miscellaneous and constantly changing crowd recruited from rustlers from Wyoming, gamblers from California, half breed outlaws from the Indian Territory—in short, "bad men" from every section of the western country. They had a special grudge against Allen and Payson, whom they held to be accountable for the sudden disappearance about a year before of their leader, Buck McKee, a half breed from the Cherokee strip. However, no other leader had arisen equal to that masterful spirit, and their enmity expressed itself only in such petty depredations as changing brands on stray cattle from the Bar One and Sweetwater ranches and the slitting of the tongues of young calves so that these would be unable to feed properly and as a result be disowned by their mothers, whereupon the Lazy K outfit would slap its brand on them as mavericks.

Allen was a Kentuckian, who had served in the Confederate army as one of Morgan's raiders and so had received by popular brevet the title of colonel. At the close of the war he had come to Arizona with his young wife, Josephine, and had founded a home on the Sweetwater. He was now one of the cattle barons of the great southwest. Prosperity had not spoiled him. Careless in his attire, cordial in his manner, he was a man who was loved and respected by his men from the newest tenderfoot to the veteran of the bunk house. His wife, however, was not so highly regarded, for she had never been able to recognize changes in time or location and so was in perpetual conflict with her environment. She attempted to make the free and independent cowboys of the Arizona plains "stand around" like the house servants of the Kentucky blue grass, and she persisted in the effort to manage her husband by the feminine artifice of weeping. In the days of her youth and beauty this had been very effective, but now that these had passed it was productive only of good humored raillery from him and mirth from the bystanders.

"No wonder Jim has the finest ranch in Arizony," the cowboys were wont to say, "with Josephine a-irrigatin' it all the time."

Allen Hacienda was certainly a garden spot in that desert country. The building was of the old Mexican style, an architecture found by centuries of experience to be suited best to the climate and the materials of the land. The house was only one story in height. The rooms and outbuilding sprawled over a wide expanse of ground. The walls were of native stone and adobe clay. Over them clambered grapevines. In front of the home Mrs. Allen had planted a garden. A 'dobe wall cut off the house from the corral and the bunk house. A heavy girder spanned the distance from the low roof to the top of the barrier. Latticework supporting a grapevine formed, with a girder, a gateway through which one could catch from the piazza a view of a second cultivated plot. Palms and flowering cactuses added color and life to the near prospect. Through the arbor a glimpse of the Tortilla mountains, forty miles away, held the eye. The Sweetwater, its path across the plains outlined by the trees fringing its banks, flowed past the ranch. Yucca palms and sahuaros threw a scanty shade over the garden.

Shortly after the arrival of the Allens in Arizona they were blessed with a daughter, the first white child born in that region. They waited for a Protestant clergyman to come along before christening her, and as such visits were few and far between the child was beginning to talk before she received a name. From a "cunning" habit she had of repeating the last words of questions put to her her father provisionally dubbed her Echo, which name, when the preacher came, he insisted upon her retaining.

As Echo grew older, in order that she might have a companion, Colonel Allen went to Kentucky and brought back with him a little orphan girl who was a distant relative of his wife. Polly Hope her name was, and Polly Hope she insisted on remaining, although the Allens would gladly have adopted her.

Colonel Allen trained the girls in all the craft of the plains just as if they were boys. He taught them to ride astride, to shoot, to rope cattle. They accompanied him everywhere he went, cantering on bronchos by the side of his Kentucky thoroughbred. Merry, dark eyed, black haired Echo always rode upon the off side and saucy Polly, with golden curls, blue eyes and tip tilted nose, upon the near. The ex-Confederate soldier dubbed them in military style his "right and left wings." As the three would "make a raid" upon Florence, the county town, the inhabitants did not need to look out of doors to ascertain who were coming, for the merriment of the little girls gave sufficient indication. "Here comes Jim Allen ridin' like the destroyin' angel," said young Sheriff Hoover on one of these occasions. "I know him by the rustlin' of his 'wings.'"

The household was again increased a few years later by the generous response of the Allens to an appeal from a children's aid society in an eastern city to give a home to two orphaned brothers, Richard and Henry Lane. Dick and Buddy (shortened in time to Bud), as they were called, being taken young, quickly adapted themselves to their new environment and by the time they arrived at manhood had proved themselves the equals of any cowboy on the range in horsemanship and kindred accomplishments. Dick, the elder brother, was a steady, reliable fellow, modest as he was brave and remarkably quick witted and resourceful in emergencies. He gave his confidence over readily to his fellows, but if ever he found himself deceived withdrew it absolutely. It was probably this last characteristic that attracted to him Echo Allen's especial regard, for it was also her distinguishing trait. "You have got to act square with Echo," her father was wont to say, "for if you don't you'll never make it square with her afterward."

Bud was a generous hearted, impetuous boy, who responded warmly to affection. He repaid his elder brother's protecting care with a loyalty that knew no bounds. The colonel, who was a strict disciplinarian, frequently punished him in his boyhood for wayward acts, and the little fellow made no resistance—only sobbed in deep penitence. Once, however, when Uncle Jim, as the boys and Polly called him, felt compelled to apply the rod to Dick—unjustly, as it afterward appeared—Bud burst into a tempest of passionate tears and, leaping upon the colonel's back, clung there, clawing and striking like a wildcat, until Allen was forced to let Dick go. It is shrewdly indicative of the colonel's character that not only did he refrain from punishing Bud on that occasion, but when floggings were subsequently due the little fellow laid on the rod less heavily out of regard for the loyalty to his brother he had then displayed.

This attack also won the admiration of Polly Hope, who was something of a spitfire herself. A little jealous of Dick for the chief place he held in Bud's affection, she openly claimed the younger brother as her sweetheart and attempted to constitute him her knight, though with repeated discouragements, for Bud was a bashful lad and, though he had a true affection for the girl, boylike concealed it by show of rude indifference.

The tender relations of these boys and girls persisted naturally into young manhood and womanhood. No word of love passed between Dick and Echo until that time when the "nesting impulse," the desire to have a home of his own, prompted the young man to go out into the world and win his fortune. For a year he had acted as foreman of the Allen ranch, working in neighborly co-operation with Jack Payson of Sweetwater ranch, a man of about his own age. The two young men became the closest of comrades. When the fever of adventure seized upon Lane and he became dissatisfied with the plodding career of a wage earner, Payson insisted on mortgaging Sweetwater ranch for $3,000 and in lending Dick the money for a year's prospecting in the mountains of Sonora, Mexico, in search of a fabulously rich "lost mine of the Aztecs."

(Continued Next Week,)

SENATOR TILLMAN BEFORE SOUTHERN SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Senator Tillman, in addressing teachers at Columbia, S. C., last week, let the cat out of the bak. He insisted that Negroes should not have higher education because it meant the final undoing of the white people. All along in his speeches and tirades against the race, in the past, the inference has been gleaned that the Negroes were insufficient in most ways—not susceptible of higher education, morally obtuse and fanatical and ignorant in religious matters, owing to which there was nothing to fear of them except domination by way of numbers, which would tell at the polls in election times. Intellectual supremacy has never before been asserted by Mr. Tillman's class. Viciousness, immorality, have been urged against the Negroes—qualities that unfitted for higher citizenship, and not the greatest of all qualities, intellect.

In his utterance the Senator pays the Negroes a great compliment. Not in that higher education is a menace to the white people, as he has it, but in the acknowledgment of the Negroes' possibility. The wonder is that he could get himself to the point where he could make such an admission. And from the viewpoint of those whom he seeks to serve, the admission is untimely—really fatal. If danger is to follow the higher education, the condition is assured. He will find this day very poor time to head off the communication of thought. The world trends in that direction, let come what may. Furthermore, the opposition of the Senator's class makes for the condition where he thinks he sees danger. History affords no example of a race once tasting the delights of freedom, enlightenment and education resubmitting to the yoke.

In his contention he virtually states the well-known proposition that knowledge is power, or, again, that the pen is mightier than the sword, either of which are in compliment of the silent yet giant forces and so considered by men. There is not much danger in the directing of intellect. As a rule, if not at all times, it is wisely discriminating, having but little to do with that which makes for civil ruction and turmoil. Intellect has the clearer vision, is long-sighted, sees effects from causes, makes logical deductions and conclusions, and is in harmony with progression. Certain enough intellect makes for qualities in common; it will not stand for the aggrandizement of this and the degradation of that when there should be equality of this and that. Senator Tillman hopes for a peculiar intellect in the one as against that of the other. He will not see it.

Intellect means in this case an intelligent survey of conditions—that is, on the part of the Negroes. The knowledge of the laws of prejudice of races, of previous condition, all of which enter the composition of the individual despite his intellect, is most essential. The Negroes of greater education contend for the common inheritance, so to speak; but the mob, the riot, the insurrection, are scarcely dreamed of for carrying out their design. The same may also be said of the white people—the mob very seldom reflects the better class; it will be found deploring the happenings, not only because some one has inhumanly suffered; rightfully established tribunals have been struck down, menacing the form of government. The lesson is taught how not to look to rightful agencies in the conduct of government, lessening the respect wherever advertised. The fine notion of the sublime machinery of government taught in the schools to American youth is shattered, when wisdom and intelligence can only say, "Forgive them, for they know not what they do." The unthinking mob is the non-intellectual "body" of American affairs.

Positively we think the most harm will result from ignorance, even under the peculiar racial conditions of today, when social equality and all that looks like it are so strenuously fought. The greater danger is in poor education—just enough to see things as through a glass, darkly, where effects are not studied of their causes. The contracted vision makes for unrest simply because the laws of human progression are not known. They very often answer to the saying that fools rush in where angels fear to tread. It is just so. The unprepared—and who very often are thought to be the simon-pure article—essays causes with all the assurance of the quieter and deeper class who run with the grain rather than across it, proceeding along the line of the least resistance. The college professors, the school teachers and the equally intellectual seldom give trouble. To their intellect is added pride which permits them to enjoy much in a limited scope. In other words, if they are not expected they are not aggrieved. They find pleasure in exclusive race association just as the white people do. This peculiar condition of racial isolation is not contended for further than from a social viewpoint. Socially considered, society seeks its own. Not all of the white people will oe expected of the "Four Hundred" of New York are its likes in the different communities. So really Mr. Tillman has nothing to fear from the Negroes along that line. Negro intellect is not overawing or brutish; it does not forget what is due, yet it is calm as a rule—a long sufferer.

By inference the Senator prefers the unlearned class, or those not so well learned. We have spoken of them. The class he possibly thinks safest from the Southern white man's viewpoint is the wholly unlettered class. Of course, if he thinks that way he is mistaken. Teh country is in no frame of mind to conduct a ward system. The increasing millions of Negroes could not afford to trust their fate wholly within the hands of others, many of whom have demonstrated such poor regard for them. With no notion of the law, they would be chattels; with no notion of the schools, they would eventuate into chattering imbeciles; with no knowledge of medicine, disease would ravage; with ignorant pulpit superstition and fanaticism would be rife, and in the various modes of life the saving grace would be extracted, leaving a civil chaos but a degree removed from slavery. Then the Senator should take his chances for a good education for the Negroes; it would be a worthier stand, and at the same time in interest of the general weal.

OUR COUNTRY AIDS ITALY.

On the recommendation of President Roosevelt, Congress has voted $800,000 for the relief of the earthquake sufferers of Italy. So large a sum has never before been appropriated for a similar purpose outside of our own country. The original intention was to appropriate $500,000. This sum evidently appeared inadequate when full extent of the calamity was known. Both houses cheerfully and promptly acquiesced — consented to the expenditure of the vast amount for the worthy purpose.

The Senate resolution:

"That to enable the President of the United States to procure, transport and distribute among the suffering people of Italy and the islands such provisions, clothing, medicines, money and other articles as he shall deem advisable for the purpose of rescuing and succoring the people who are in peril and threatened with starvation in consequence of the recent earthquake, the sum of $500,000 is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated; and the action of the President in dispatching the naval vessels to Italy with food and supplies for the Italian sufferers is hereby ratified and approved.

"In the execution of this act, the President may use any vessels of the United States navy and such other vessels as he may, in his discretion, employ."

The House resolution was as follows:

"That to enable the President of the United States to procure and distribute among the suffering and destitute people of Italy such provisions, clothing, medicines and other necessary articles and to take other steps as he shall deem advisable for the purpose of rescuing and succoring the people who are in peril and threatened with starvation, the sum of $800,000 is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

"In the execution of this act, the President is requested to ask and obtain the approval of the Italian government and is hereby authorized to employ any vessels of the United States navy and to charter and employ any other suitable steamship or vessels."

After calling attention to the calamity, and to the warm friendship existing between the two countries, the President concluded his message as follows:

"Confident of your approval, I have ordered the Government supply ships Celtic and Culgoa to the scene of disaster, where, upon receiving the authority which I now ask from you, they will be able to dispense food, clothing and other supplies with which they are laden, to the value of about $300,000. The Celtic has already sailed and the Culgoa is at Port Said. Eight vessels of the returning battleship fleet are already under orders for Italian waters and that government has been asked if their services can be made useful.

"I recommend that the Congress approve the application of supplies above indicated, and further appropriate the sum of $500,000 to be applied to the work of relief at the discretion of the executive and with the consent of the Italian government.

"I suggest that the law follow the form of that passed after the Mount Pelee disaster in 1902.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

"The White House, January 4, 1909."

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President-elect Taft is having the time of his life.

Senator Foraker gives it out that he will not be counsel for the discharged Negro troops.

The good old solid winter days are with us. The mornings are crisp and hoary, giving supreme satisfaction to those who like the good old-fashioned winters.

A memorial church is proposed at Dayton, O., in honor of the poet Dunbar. The movement is altogether fitting. Dunbars do not pass through every day nor every year.

Congress seems bent on giving President Roosevelt's administration a fine finish. He is on his last legs as President, and there are those who are not particular as to whether he stands on even those.

The tilt between the New York World, the Indianapolis News and the President has reached the acute stage. The whole business is ugly, and will not help either of the parties very much.

Five thousand Chinese volumes have been presented by China to Congress. If the honorable gentlemen of Congress had to go against what's in just one of them they would be none too profuse in their thanks.

The Democratic party in electing Mr. E. B. Shively to the United States Senate has elected a strong and able man and will reflect credit upon his State, party and nation. Mr. Shively has been a worker for his party in season and out of season.

The terrible tsetse fly might seize on the President while roaming around in Africa, giving him the sleeping sickness, that "most awfulest malady." To fall at the "hands" of an old fly would be a most ignoble ending. Perish the thought.

Governor Dawson, of West Virginia, recently appointed editor John C. Gilmer, of the Charleston Advocate, State Librarian to complete the unexpired term of the late S. W. Starks. Starks was also a newspaper man, the owner and publisher of the Advocate.

The Chicago Defender has it that some of the doctors of that city refuse to have dark women as nurses. It hopes that it is some awful mistake. We hope so, too; for we may depend on it, if we enter into the color line drawing business it will be expected elsewhere.

Governor Marshall thinks $150,000 to be appropriated for building a Governor's mansion the salary would not be sufficient to maintain such an establishment. He says that a millionaire Governor might prefer such a home, since he would be abundantly able to care for it.

Mr. Taft said in his address last week at Atlanta that the Negroes were a musical race, an oratorical race, and that he was neither musical or oratorical, therefore he came before them with hesitancy. If Mr. Taft keep on he will know all about us without us saying a word as to what we are.

The well-known religious gathering, the Sunday-school Congress and Young People's Chautauqua, will be held in Nashville, Tenn., June 2 to 7, inclusive. Great things are expected of the meeting, by way of attendance and interest. Nashville has given assurance of entertaining the visitors with its usual hospitality and a little better.

Joe Gans, prize fighter, gave $100 to the sufferers of Italy. He said that he had no friends there, but the catastrophe appealed to him. In discussing the matter further, that sporting men are particularly liberal in their charities, he thought the colored people should respond to the call for help. It was a very generous act in Mr. Gans; it will not go unapplauded.

Negro murderer at Rockingham, N. C., refused to be comforted; he did not care to see a preacher; said he wanted to go to hell for a special purpose. One will not readily conceive his purpose, nor is it by any means sure that what he hoped for will come to pass. His wishes in the matter, however, so far as the authorities were concerned, were respected.

Thomas E. Greene, Jr. ,of Youngstown, O., was elected enrolling clerk of the Ohio Senate. They always seem to do things different and better in Ohio than in Indiana, Illinois; also give the Negro a show in the Legislature one way or the other. We seem "skeered" here. Charles R. Doll was chosen as engrossing clerk in the House of Representatives.

Things have come to a pretty pass when Uncle Sam cannot be criticized when arresting someone. He must remember sometimes that his agents can be wrong, and not try to defend them when they are wrong. They should be brought out in the limelight as others are. Uncle Sam should also not try to repress the freedom of the press, as this is a republic and not a monarchy.

No one will fall out with Mr. Taft when he insists that the Negroes of the professions, the leaders, should not be stinted in their education, and that the masses receive common education—along industrial lines. This is but the common sense view and as in practice by those around us. The average man is of average education, such as accords with the probability of his employment.

Philadelphia is said to have the only musical organization of the world among Negroes that plays classical selections for its own amusement. The manager struggled a great while before he could inculcate the doctrine of good music, but he finally succeeded. Some people insist that all music sounds alike, just so it is not badly played discords. It is like many tobacco smokers who insist that tobacco is tobacco.

Much interest is being manifested by the race in farming, in agricultural pursuits generally. Recently at Laurel, Md., a movement was launched looking forward to the betterment of the farmer's condition. Among the things said was that the Negro farmer must raise diversified crops, and so manage his affairs that he will close the year with a surplus, rather than a deficit, as is so usually the case. It was urged that the meat used by the farmer and other necessities should be largely the result of his own work.

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THE PASSING OF ROOSEVELT.

There will be people living, no doubt, twenty years hence who will remember that one Theodore Roosevelt (although he had no middle name) once occupied the great Washington castle known as the White House. They will often gesticulate in referring to his administration, and although they will not grin, will harbinger some faint recollection that he had teeth, and wore goggles. He may be also referred to as "the man on horseback," and some will call him "Strenuous."—Chicago Conservator.

(Well, Bro. Majors, the great majority of the people living then will not inquire about Mr. Roosevelt.)

Oh, yes, the President will be mentioned. If not for his virtues, then for his faults. Whatever his qualifications are, they are pronounced. The eyes of posterity will see him in a totally different light than in which we behold him today.

PRESIDENT-ELECT TAFT AT ATLANTA.

In addressin gthe Negroes at Atlanta, Ga., last week, President-elect Taft said in part:

"I don't intend to discuss race feeling and race prejudice, because the discussion of it and the argument of it never did anybody any good. You must recognize the facts and in the face of those facts, because they cannot keep you down, you can go down to a brighter and brighter future. Everyone of you knows in his heart, because everyone knows noble, earnest, sympathetic white men in the South, that your greatest aid and your greatest hope is in the sympathy and the help of those white men who are your neighbors. And I thank God that in the South there is developing fast evidence of a stronger and stronger sympathy with the effort to uplift the race among the white men of the South who feel themselves responsible for the whole Southern civilization. Your people have faults that grow out of your history and your training, but the first step and indication in an improvement of faults is the knowledge that you have them, and when you read in the sermons of your own people, in the lectures of your own people the cold—I want to call it cold because it is not cold—but the sympathetic truth in respect to yourselves and the necessities that present themselves to you in your path upward, one of the greatest steps possible has been achieved.

Praises Booker Washington.

"You have among you men who do credit to the entire American manhood. Without being indivious, no one can read the life of Booker Washington and know what he has done without being proud that our country has produced such a man, and I say it without invidious distinction, because there are doubtless others that deserve similar tribute, but it has come to me personally to know him and to be associated with him and to understand the marvelous perception that he has into the future of your race and the necessities that are presented to you in winning higher place in life. Of course, the first thing is education. The first thing is to give every man who is to enjoy civil rights knowledge enough to know what those rights are and how he can protect himself in them. Of course, it is a great mistake, either among white men or colored men, to think that because a man gets a university education, therefore he is better than other people or in a better condition. Whether the university education does him good or not depends upon the foundation of character that he has. You need among you, as the white men need among them, university education for their leaders, your ministers who control so much of your public opinion, your physicians, and there ought to be a great many more of them well educated in order to teach the race the rules of hygiene that in the country are so often widely departed from. And you need in all branches of the profession, because you must have leaders among them, the opportunity for giving them the best education that the world affords, but that is a comparatively small number. The great body of the race are those who are to be the workers, the manual workers, and what is needed for the great body of your race is primary and industrial education, so that you shall commend yourselves to the community in which you live as absolutely indispensable to its proper and future growth and prosperity; that when you have carpenters they shall be honest carpenters who know their craft; that your blacksmiths, your machinists and all those who engage in manual labor, skilled or unskilled, shall have the intelligence and the knowledge to make them as good as possible in rendering the service for which they are to receive a just compensation.

"Now, my friends, I did not come here prepared to make a speech. And I always come before an audience of your race with a great deal of hesitation because your race is a musical race and it is an oratorical race, and I am neither musical nor oratorical. But I did want to come here because I know the hardships in your road; I know every once in a while that you fall on your knees and pray to God to relieve you from the burdens that you have, and I believe that the expression of sympathy is one that helps people along; it helps me along, but in that expression of sympathy I would not have you for a moment abate the thought of the duty that is imposed on every one of you of making as much of the talent that the Lord gives you as you can."

A BOMB TO EXPLODE.

Federal Employes Who Fought Roosevelt and Taft May Lose Heads.

Allegations of "Pernicious Political Activity"—Will Vernon and Tyler Try to Avert Impending Quake?

A Washington Correspondent Sees Trouble Ahead for Certain Radical Clerks and Messengers.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 20.—There is a rumor here that will not down to the effect that in the near future several colored clerks and messengers may be reduced and dismissed under the charge of "pernicious political activity" or "for the good of the service." There are several clerks and messengers in the departments here who were most bitter, and insistently so, in their denunciation of President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft, before and after the nomination. Some of them, it is rumored, wrote newspaper articles and letters denouncing both the President and the Secretary in terms that were highly improper. The question arises, can attaches of the government bitterly assail, by word and pen, their superiors and continue in office?

The rumor of the possible punishment of several colored clerks and messengers who have overstepped the bounds of propriety in denouncing their superiors has created consternation in colored circles here, and it is possible that Register Vernon and Auditor Tyler will find not a few conscience-stricken government employes camping on their doorsteps, imploring these officials to save them from the wrath to come. But it is hardly probable that either of them will interfere, as they themselves have been denounced by some of the same employes because they stoutly defended the administration.

Everybody here is watching and waiting breathlessly for the quake. * * *

GREENVILLE, TEX.

Special to The Freeman.

George Stewart died Tuesday morning, after a brief illness, with pneumonia....Mrs. Annie Fuller died Saturday morning after a long illness....Ike Brooks, Garey Richards and Leon Friday are on the sick list....Miss Cora Wilson, of Bonham, Tex., passed through the city en route to Tyler, Tex....Mrs. Dora Baker and Mrs. Janie Daniel have returned from Aberdeen, Miss., where they were visiting relatives and friends....Mrs. R. Dorsey is now with Mrs. T. M. Holloway, on South Johnson street....The many friends of Mrs. Dora Baker enjoyed a New Year's dinner at her home Sunday....Grand Deputy C. C. Lawsor installed the following officers of the K. of P. Thursday night: W. M. Tave, C. C.; G. W. Brown, V. C.; Dr. N. J. Atckinson, K. of R. and S.; D. C. Chisolm, M. of F.; S. Baker, Prelate; J. Devance, M. of A.; H. H. Reed, M. of E.; W. S. Wright, M. of W.; Riley Wright, I. G.; W. R. Sullivan, O. G. ....Mrs. Effie Cradock is improving....Ben Brooks and Jim Johnson re at the pest camp with the smallpox....George Stinson has moved to his house on Mill street, a much more desirable place....Rev. J. B. Atckinson, pastor of True Vine Baptist Church, is very sick....Rev. Bryant was ill last week....Mrs. W. M. Tave is on the sick list....Marlin Turner is able to be up again....When you want to hear of your old friends who are in different parts of the country, read The Freeman. Some of your lost relatives may be doing a big business and you don't know it until you see it in a paper, and there is no paper in the country that keeps up with race enterprise any more than The Freeman. Leave your order with T. M. Holloway or Rev. H. H. Brown and you will get your paper.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mars Lodge, No. 2202, G. U. O. of O. F., will erect a beautiful building on Aurora avenue, near Kent street. On February 3 the lodge will give a grand minstrel show for the benefit of the building fund. ....Miss Lottie Thomas has returned to her home in St. Louis, after an extended visit with her sister....The U. B. F. and S. M. T.'s, under the auspices of the State Grand Lodge, will celebrate the centennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, on Friday evening, February 12. This will be perhaps the biggest affair ever given by the order....The laughable comedietta, "A Case of Suspension," which was presented at Pilgrim Baptist Church on the evening of January 14, attracted a large audience....Mrs. W. T. Francis, who took the part of the Irish servant girl, rendered it with a good deal of realism....Mr. Aaron G. Green died at the City Hospital, January 10, after an illness of almost a year. He was buried from Lyle's undertaking parlors....Mr. Jonas S. Strong has gone to Winnipeg, Can.... Last Sunday was quarterly meeting at St. James A. M. E. Church. Many of the members stayed at the church all day long. The ladies of the stewardess board served a very dainty luncheon to the members who stayed all day. The presiding elder, Rev. Jackson, was present and preached to good audiences, both morning and evening....The "Small" Loan and Investment Company is probably the oldest business enterprise among our people in the city. It owns and controls several houses and has an excellent standing in the financial world....Pilgrim Baptist Church will be thoroughly renovated by Easter Sunday. A hardwood floor will be laid in the auditorium, and a fine pipe organ is to be installed....St. Paul is to have a new $1,000,000 hotel, and many are anxious to know of what complexion the waiters will be. If the management sees fit to hire colored waiters, this will mean very much to us.

QUINCY, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

On Thursday, Jan. 14, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Mundy on the occasion of their twelfth wedding anniversary entertained at their residence, 1639 North Fifth street. Twelve friends were present and it was a grand affair. The house was beautifully decorated and most brilliantly illuminated. The menu was served in five courses. The diversion consisted of music by Miss Esther Zimmerman and Mrs. Munday; reading by Prof. R. E. Malone...Rev. J. J. Bellamy is conducting the revival at Eighth and Elm Street Baptist Church... Capt. R. A. Byrd will be in the city next Friday to inspect the company...Mrs. A. G. Dabner has returned from Springfield, Ill., and says she was royally entertained. ...Mrs. E. Russell entertained Mrs. Kellers at tea Wednesday evening. There were about twenty-three persons present. Miss Edith Miller has returned from a three weeks' visit in Chicago...Mrs. S. B. Golden, the noted cateress, will serve a wedding in Louisiana, Mo..."The Cannibal King," the new play, had a great success at Lippincott Hall last Wednesday night. Managers, James Jackson and Edward Woods...The Culture Club will give a Lincoln program February 12...Mrs. Lucy Walker will leave for her home soon after a long visit with her sister, Mrs. B. White...Wilson Cobb received the sad news of the death of his sister, Mrs. Lu Tucker...Mrs. Martha Pepper is on the sick list...Mrs. Holder has gone blind... The evangelist Mrs. Wilson will have charge of the Cytatier Club for the next two Sundays...Mrs. Oliver Jackson has been on the sick list for a week...Mrs. Samuel Logan is in poor health.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Any information of the whereabouts of Marian Sharp. Sam, John and Melvina are her sons and daughter, who were owned by Susan Sharp (white), and lived at Petersburg, Va. My name is Rachel Sharp, and I live at 108 Buford street, Dallas, Tex. I ask the kind consideration of every one in helping me to find my people through The Freeman.

THE FREEMAN AT LOUISVILLE.

Blue Grass Restaurant, 117 W. Walnut street; 423 S. Ninth street; 420 Fifth street; 726 W. Walnut.

SHERIDAN, WYO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The A. M. E. denomination established a church costing $1,200 with all modern improvements....Pastor Rev. Ben. McCully, Mr. and Mrs. Wigginton of Omaha are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ahl Shutes....Mr. Al. Bell is meeting with great success in the messenger service. ...Mr. and Mrs. Harrison of Haskell, Okla., has returned to Sheridan for an indefinite stay....The twentieth century club will debate on "Shall the Negro Colonize" on Tuesday night, the 20th.... Mrs. Hattie left for her former home, Springfield, Ill., this afternoon to visit her sick father....John Ivey has stocked his 160-acre ranch with a fine bunch of sheep and cattle....Mrs. Andy Chenault is doing a paying business with her hair dressing parlor.

JOPLIN, MO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The weather has been very inclemment for the past two weeks. Snowballing has been quite a fad among "Joplinites."... Mrs. Louise C. Storey and little Miss Inez Storey have returned from a sojourn in Minneapolis....Capt. Fry of Kansas City, and Mr. English of Okla City are the latest arrivals at the Hotel Connor. ...Mrs. Stoner of Kentucky avenue received the sad intelligence of the death of her daughter, Mrs. Jessie Reenesin, in Pueblo, Colo., last Tuesday....The Hotel Connor, the New Hostelry, recently completed in Joplin, is one of the finest this side of Chicago. Its architecrical appearance is a wonder of modern ages. This beautiful million dollar Hostelry is run on American and European plans. We are more than glad to say that the beautiful dining rooms are decorated with colored waiters in defiance of all friction to defeat them. Samuel Hobbs, recently of Kansas City, and for six years on the floor at the Well Knauw, Baltimore, is the efficient head waiter. He is one of the best known head waiters in the South-West. He is true and amable to the use. Will Eastman, formerly of Chicago, is the efficient second waiter, and is a wonder in his profession. A. H. Henderson and Kline Russell are capts. The side men are J. Robinson Bennie Young, Ralph Yoakum, Ralph Emmons, E. Hughes, Ben Wilburn, Wm. Parker, J. English, Capt. Fry, Joe Palm, Roy Flemming, Simon Eason and Homer Davis. We are glad to say they are all intelligent and neat in their manners, and readers of the FREEMAN, dont read or borrow your neighbor's paper. Its only five cents a copy, and will be elivered to your residence. Leave orders at Rev. H. H. Curtis' Tonsorial shop..

JACKSON, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Mary Marshall entertained Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Martin at dinner last Sunday. Covers were laid for five...Harry Bowles spent Sunday in Eaton Rapids, the guest of S. J. Craig...Rev. McCutcheon preached at the A. M. E. Church last Sunday and had a large audience...The Cornie Copia Club will give a chicken pie supper on the 26th of January. Tuesday evening. A musical program will be rendered and several selections by the orchestra...Rev. Dean and wife entertained Rev. McCutcheon and wife at dinner last Sunday. Covers were laid for eight.

CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Our citizens are very much stirred up over the State-wide prohibition law that the Legislature is trying to pass; but we all have confidence in Governor M. R. Patterson...Mrs. Wm. Foston of Poston street died on the 11th and was buried on the 13th at 2 p. m. Her funeral was conducted by Rev. T. J. Goodall and Rev. Huston Medcelf from the Fifth Ward Baptist Church...Mrs. Jane Barksdail is on the sick list again...Dr. C. A. Kelly is improving and his many friends and patrons are very glad to know he is recovering...Miss Clemmie Hilter died on the 14th very suddenly. Her funeral was conducted by Rev. H. Medcelf at St. Johns Church on the 16th...Luckert, Wake & Co. has transferred twenty-eight more of our citizens to Louisville, Ky., on the 18th to work for them in their tobacco factory...Mrs. Puss Kimbrough is on the sick list..The Royal Arch Chapter, Queen City Lodge No. 15, gave a successful entertainment on the 18th.

SPOKANE, WASH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

It is reported that Mrs. W. A. Ryan, who has just returned from a visit in the East, is at the hospital to undergo an operation...J. B. Hogan, who has been spending the holidays and his birthday in Seattle, returned home on the 14th... Miss Mattie Triplet of St. Paul is in the city visiting her hister and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Tripplet, 503 Second avenue... The young people of the city are preparing to give us something very swell in the near future in the way of showing the talent of our home girls and boys...Don't forget that THE FREEMAN is still on sale at 303 Second avenue every week...Mrs. R. Reed of Salt Lake City arrived in the city on the 13th to poin her husband, R. Reed, who is expecting to visit Seattle and Portland before returning...J. A. Erley of Chicago is in the city looking for all the pool players, good and bad.

KALAMAZOO, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Friday evening, Taylor D. Burnett, aged twenty-one, a well-known young man, son of Mr. anad Mrs. Z. T. Burnett, 750 Maple street, was drowned in the Bryant paper mill pond. Young Burnett went to the pond early in the evening with a young lady named Delcy Richardson. After skating a while, toward the south end, young Burnett skated into a hole. He had for some time conducted a roller skating rink at 222 North Burdick streeet. The funeral was held Monday afternoon from the A. M. E. Church; burial at Riverside Cemetery....William Haithcock went to his brother's funeral—Dr. Harris, of Cassopolis, Mich....Mrs. Churchman and her mother, Mrs. Harrod, were in South Bend, Ind., last week....Horace Cross left for Chicago Monday, where he will visit relatives....Mrs. S. Haithcock gave a party last Saturday afternoon to a number of friends....Burt Thurman, who has been ill for a few days, has recovered....Miss Bonnie Bizzill will return to her home at Lima, O., soon....Claude Hall, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, has now fully recovered, and will again be seen on his old job as headwaiter in Meadimber's Palace of Sweets.

MINEOLA, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

On January 10 we had a beautiful day and it was very warm here. The next day it was a cold day and the ground was covered with sleet...Sam Jackson is very busy digging a ditch here on the South Side of the town. This is something that will be a benefit to the town and will do good...The population of our town is about 3,000 and nearly all in good health...Alex Wells was sick last week. ...Charlie Denard has bought another lot and has put his property in good shape... THE FREEMAN is on sale each week by Sandy Anderson.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Friday Art Club met January 15 with Mrs. Angie Brown and was nicely entertained....The Domestic Social Club met recently with Mrs. J. W. Kirk, and was royally entertained, and met January 15 with Mrs. Merriwether, on Anna street. Mrs. Austin Carter joined the club.... Mrs. McKinney and daughter, Birdie May, of Abbington, Ill., have returned home, after a pleasant visit with her daughter, Mrs. John McCree....Revival meetings are still in progress at Mount Emery Baptist Church, and are proving quite a success....Mrs. Herriott Roberts, of Superior avenue, is able to be about, after a serious illness....Mrs. Bessie Guthrie Underwood is now living on North Diamond street....Miss Julia Corbin was found dead recently at her home on North Sandy street. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mason, pastor of Mt. Emery Baptist Church, and were largely attended....Word was received recently of the serious illness of Mr. Sparrow Early, of Hannibal, Mo....Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Dealy and daughter, Cliota Pearl, have returned from Hannibal, Mo., where they attended the funeral of their sister, Mrs. Mildred Dealy....William Taylor left recently for Indianapolis, Ind.....The Wednesday Art Club just closed a very successful bazar. Quite a neat sum was realized for the charity fund. The club met with Mrs. Willie Brooks. The following officers were elected for the next six months: President, Mrs. Lida Moore; vice president, Mrs. Nellie Washington; secretary, Mrs. Della Harris; assistant secretary, Mrs. Willie Brooks; treasurer, Mrs. Nita Moore. The club is one of the oldest clubs in the city, and consists of some of the best women in the city, as follows: Mesdames Lida Moore, Willie Brooks, Susie Dealy, Nellie Washington, Helen Herndon, Pearl Berry, Nita Moore, Della Harris, Rosa Parker, Zenobia Agnew and Belle Parrish. The club met January 13 with Mrs. Pearl Berry.

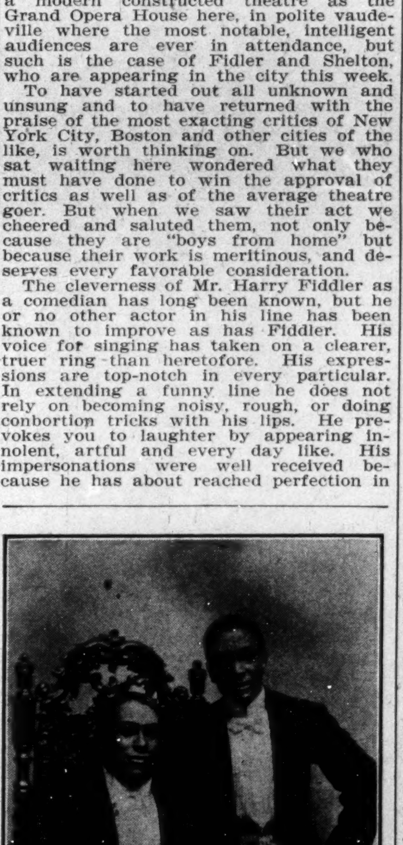
WANTED—Man pianist, one who can sing and play; tenor voice; good character. W. R. Carter, 3403 Dearborn street Chicago, Ill.

FIDDLER & SHELTON AT THE GRAND.

From entertaining in churches up and around old yellow bridge, right here at home, just for the price of sweet charities sake, time after time, is a long jump to a job of two hundred dollars per week in a modern constructed theatre as the Grand Opera House here, in polite vaudeville where the most notable, intelligent audiences are ever in attendance, but such is the case of Fidler and Shelton, who are appearing in the city this week.

To have started out all unknown and unsung and to have returned with the praise of the most exacting critics of New York City, Boston and other cities of the like, is worth thinking on. But we who sat waiting here wondered what they must have done to win the approval of critics as well as of the average theatre goer. But when we saw their act we cheered and saluted them, not only because they are "boys from home" but because their work is meritorious, and deserves every favorable consideration.

The cleverness of Mr. Harry Fiddler as a comedian has long been known, but he or no other actor in his line has been known to improve as has Fiddler. His voice for singing has taken on a clearer, truer ring than heretofore. His expressions are executed very particularly. In extending a funny line he does not rely on becoming noisy, rough, or doing conbortion tricks with his lips. He provokes you to laughter by appearing innolent, artful and every day like; his impersonations were well received because he has about reached perfection in that art. Of all things he did and said amusing things that were new to all, and that is something not always done these days in vaudeville. Unlike many of our other comedians you could hear everything that either had to say during the rendition of a song. Fiddler at all times seemed running over with popping good jokes of the kind that are rarely heard.



FIDDLER AND SHELTON.

R. Byron Shelton, but as everybody here at home say, "Ruby," brought down the house with his excellent execution on the piano. His imitation of the fife and drum with the sound of gun shots intermingled brought the audience to a high spirit of admiration for his playing. His accompaniment to Fiddler's singing was even better than the orchestra could have done in point of time and expression. The audience enjoyed seeing Shelton play because he assumes such a commanding position when seated at the piano, and those hands, they tripped across the keys in such a fantastic way that Rubenstein would not be ashamed of. A thing that is noticable at every performance is that he desires to finish long before the audience becomes satisfied. His selections are such that will suit all classes, nothing too deep or nothing too shallow, "as they say, is given the song." "Put a smile on your countenance" is a winning number for any bill in their way that this team renders it, and it brought down the house here.

What strikes one forcebly in this act of acts is the clever, smooth way that song, conversation, dancing, imperssonations and imitations have been brought into this skit. It seems as if each part was made for the other for they fit neatly together. Monday afternoon they sang and talked so well at each time that they were called back so often that it was found that they had held the stage much longer than they were supposed to.

A Boston paper declares that in many respects this team is better than Williams and Walker and Cole and Johnson when they appeared in vaudeville. Indianapolitans are proud of another one of their number who are driving to the top, and we give "our heart and hand" to the continued success of Fiddler and Shelton.

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SMART SET MAKES BIG HIT IN LOUISVILLE.

While witnessing the "Smart Set" we had an occasion to see J. Ed. Green consentrating his ability, taking in the situation of the Negro race in such a manner as to justify us in saying that during the next season he will give us a great Negro play.

As for one we expect him to become a great playwright. There have been evidences of the past to show that he has complete knowledge of the art, and we believe that the play yet to be produced will tell a message of the Negro.

Mr. Green is with the "Smart Set" to learn the wishes of Mr. Dudley and put them in verse and song. It is said that the production will be far the most advanced that has come before the American Negro.

Since Mr. Green's connection with the "Smart Set" we have detected several new songs from his pen, especially the opening and closing choruses and the Spanish song and dance.

The effective stage managing of Mr. Jerry Mills was much in evidence and Mr. Tim Brim, who is well known as a composer, was delight to the large audience with the baton.

The show was exceedingly laughable, in fact many of the lines funny.

With the exception of the songs and some of the specialties, which are new, the show is practically as last season. The story of Hegekiah Doo's attempt to pilot Ephriam Grindle to the Mayor's chair, in the fournishing town Maroco, is unchanged, because for the simple reason that it could not be improved upon. The whole is a clever satire on a political campaign, with the fact that it is competition between colored men. Burlesque is the uppermost in the show, and the fun is of the broadest type.

The luderrous things which befall Hezekiah and his protege during the race keep up a running fire of laughter, relieved only by a number of songs and brilliant choruses.

It was a great misfortune to the Louisville people to learn of Mr. Dudley's illness. They know him and they like him. The first part of the week Mr. Dudley was unable to take his part, being treated by a specialist for throat trouble.

His understudy, Irwin Allen, took his part, and he proved to be the "Man of the Hour." "Boots" Allen is a clever comedian. He did splendid work in the "Shoo Fly Regiment" for Cole and Johnson. He was the star in the "Board of Education." This time he goes a few niches higher and takes of Dudley. Did he do so? Well he certainly did. He dressed up and blacked up and acted precisely like Dudley. Thousands did not know the difference. Only those who knew Mr. Dudley real well could detect the difference. Mr. Dudley, by the way, we think is one of the funniest men on the stage today. He brings fourth great laughter from white and black alike. His dress and situation helps, and he causes those in the dress circle as well as the "gallery gods" to scream with laughter.

Confidence is a great thing. It is great in business as well as in the theatrical world. It was the confidence that Mr. Dudley had in Mr. Allen to trust him as his understudy. When the time came, this young Thespian of 24 years of age, having a complete knowledge of his parts, rebed himself as Dudley, and Dudley did the act. It may be that he did not bring out the finer parts in mule and school scene as Mr. Dudley, but on a whole Mr. Allen acted his part admirably. The story of the plot is well known. It has been thrashed out in these columns by well known critics. J. Ed. Green acts his part as a Chester-fieldian. He is excellent. He has that class and poise that stands out prominently. Mr. Jerry Mills, who is one of the best stage managers in the country, acts his part up to a minute, and is ever present to see that the company does its part.

Miss Nettie Glenn, Jennie Pearl, Mrs. Dudley are the female characters that do top notch work in their parts. Exceedingly delightful was the work of Misses Elizabeth Carrington, Jennie Hillman, Lavinia Brown, Alice Alex Weaver, Tillie Cottman, Maire Walker, Irine Tasker, Daisy Mitchell, Maud Hudson, Rosseta Folk, Josephine Lazzo, Rebbeca Roper, Mable De Hurd.

The Spanish dancing by Miss Glenn deserves special mentioning. This was a new feature being introduced by J. Ed. Green. The drilling was as usual a big hit and executed with much grace and dignity. The choruses were good and the base singing of Matt Johnson was rich and full and added much to the chorus work.

The show had good houses, and from the voluminous applause, the company will do a large business in the Falls Cities. On Tuesday the whole balcony and part of the lower floor was sold out for the remainder of the week.

The male voices that added much to the chorus work were Messrs. W. A. Ramsey, Geo. Mc. Clellan, Matt Johnson, Robert Williams, John Smith, James Slatter, Geo. Roane, Eddie Stafford and James Lillard. The show will leave Monday for Owensboro, then Henderson and next Paducah.

Another feature of the show deserving mention is the song opening the third act, "I lost my heart when I saw your eyes," sung by W. A. Ramsey. Ramsey has a good tenor voice and shows it up to great advantage in this song. He has also made wonderful advancement in the show during his first period, and deserves much credit for the different parts he takes in the play.

CARY B. LEWIS.

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

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Blue contingent. As these men are stanch friends of Mr. Tyler, and have benefited largely through his leadership, the flimsiness of the rumor is apparent at once. W. H. Clifford is said to be a receptive candidate for the recordership of deeds, but it is not likely that he will permit the use of his name seriously, as no one feels that Ohio will have any chance to land two $4,000 jobs for her colored chieftains. C. L. Maxwell is accredited with an ambition to return to the consular service. Although Cyrus Field Adams is resting easy in the office of Assistant Register of the Treasury, Charles E. Hall, of Illinois, "Phil" Waters, of West Virginia, and Charles N. Love, of Texas, are said to be casting "sheep's eyes" at the place. R. R. Horner, Whitfield McKinlay and W. Calvin Chase, it is hinted, would like to record the deeds of the District. Judge Terrell is snugly ensconced in the ocal court, and is in no danger of being dislodged in favor of any colored rival, but he is keeping his weather eye open for the things which Congress may try to do in the direction of lopping off a justice or so. In the event of a reduction of the present number of justices, the friends of Terrell say the colored people would be allowed at least one member of the bench. There is good authority for the report that a well-known Indiana man will be "taken care of" early in the life of the new administration, and that Missouri, Kentucky and other States will be handed something consoling. A big delegation of anxious ones will be on for the inauguration and will remain here for some time in the hope of getting the lay of the land.

R. W. THOMPSON.

THE STAGE
HAYWOOD

Cooper & Robinson end a successful week at Camden, N. J., tonight.

Ernest Hogan will contribute an interesting article to THE FREEMAN, which will appear in an early issue.

Sam Brown, Willie Bynum and Leon Pigery made a big hit in their vaudeville act at the Academy of Music at Kalamazoo, Mich., last week.

Mrs. Gertrude Frazier, Mrs. Frazier and Mrs. Bertha Nelson, members of Carter's Original Carolinians, were callers at THE FREEMAN office this week.

Frank Mahara's Minstrels showed at Buxton, Iowa, Jan. 15 and 16. They were entertained on the first evening by Oliver's Orchestra at Cooper's Hall. Refreshments were served.

The Edwards & Webb Colored Musical Comedy Company have broken all records in Indiana, being classed as one of the best colored attractions ever playing the State. We send regards to all friends and would like to hear from Willie Shields or any other novelty act. Write care THE FREEMAN. Success to Damon's musical comedy.

The Whitman Sisters were suddenly called home on account of the serious illness of their mother. They cancelled all contracts and had what promised to be a serious time in Deurer for so doing, as the manager seemingly thought that they needed a better excuse for so doing, and it was a case of quit, which will be explained in a later issue of this paper. All friends write to 250 Hilliard street, Atlanta, Ga.

Ernest Hogan, the unbleached American, writes that he is nicely located at 1002 Brook avenue, Bronx, New York City. Had been doing great until the news of the death of his brother, Benny Crowdus, known as "Bud" Crowdus," reached him. Mr. Crowdus, who was an engineer, accidentally met his death Friday, a week ago, at Racine, Wis. The burial took place the following Tuesday at Bowling Green, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sapars and Mrs. D. O. Green entertained at a whist game at her home, 185 East 41st street, Chicago, in honor of Mrs. Taylor and daughters May and Ida of Clinton, Iowa. All present enjoyed games of whist and dancing. Dainty refreshments were served. Mr. Saparo is home again after filling a ten weeks' engagement in Iowa. He is now filling a six weeks' engagement here in Chicago. He is working at the Pekin this week and will leave after the 15th of February for Michigan to fill a twelve weeks' engagement. He is being booked by the Western Vaudeville Association Company. Saparo and Bonny send regards to all friends.

ELK HEADQUARTERS.

S. E. Manuel's popular bar is the headquarters for the boys "with horns" at Dayton, O. The traveling state deputy of Ohio, Jos. Carter, is toastmaster. All Elks coming to Dayton will find this place congenial.

MARSHALL'S OLD PLANTATION.

We arrived in the land of sunshine and flowers Sunday, Jan. 10, and showed to an immense crowd Monday matinee and night. On Tuesday morning the members of the band with Jas. Wise, our baritone, vocal soloist, under the direction of E. F. Mikell, musical director, visted the State Normal and Industrial School and gave a very pleasant concert. Those present were President Young, the teachers and students of the school. After the band had rendered several selections, Jas. Wise rendered one of his favorite vocal selections, "I'm Going Back, Back, Back to Kentucky," which was richly applauded by the school.

Afte rthe concert Prof. Young highly commended Jas. Wise, Prof. E. F. Mikell and the members of the band in behalf of the faculty and students of the school.

ALLEN'S MINSTRELS.

We are now in Florida enjoying the "good old summer time" weather among the orange groves and placid streams. We met Johnnie Jones' carnival in Tallahassee on Jan. 14 and there was some old-time hand-shaking.

Our band has just received new uniforms and Prof. McCammon with his perfect directing and the band's sweet music, from classical to ragtime, leaves everybody happy.

Our orchestra is a marvel led by Prof. Ellwood Johnson.

Mr. Norton, formerly our stage manager, was taken ill and is now in Greenwood, Miss. John Dennis, the funny old man, i sacting stage manager in the absence of Mr. Norton.

Regards to McKenzie and R. O. Henderson.

CULLIGAN'S NASHVILLE STUDENTS.

L. McDuff, cornetist and interlocutor, formerly band leader for Ferdon's Show No. 2, opened with Culligan's Nashville Students, which opened at the Gem Theatre, playing the week of Dec. 14 to 20; Central Theatre, Dec. 21 to 27; Oakland, Cal., Dec. 28 to Jan. 3; People's Theatre, San Francisco, Cal. ,and then started on the road. The roster of the company is as follows: L. McDuff, cornetist and interlocutor; John Venie, cornet; W. H. Collins, clarinet; Wm. Robinson, clarinet and violin; A. Turner, alto and extreme end; George Wilson, trombone; Perry Gant, B. & O.; Geo. Williams, snare drummer; Billy Mitchell, extreme end; Herbert La She, slack wire artist, and the following ladies: Margie Turner, Martree Mitchell, Rosie Collins and Antoinette Shields. McDuff says hello to all the old Sells Flats bunch and to write to him care of THE FREEMAN, as he has something up his sleeve.

W. A. MAHARA'S BIG MINSTRELS CARNIVAL PROGRAM.

Al Boyd, master of ceremonies.

Right end from Mahara, Ed Wilson, Tommy Hicks, Doc Seymour.

Left end from Mahara, Ed Peats, Skinner Lea, Henry Harris.

Opening chorus and medley overture by company. "Oh, Miss Malinda," Skinner Lee; "Because I Am Lonesome," Della Watkins; "Fas' Fas' World," Tommy Hicks; "Bab yDoll," Susie Anderson; "I Am Crazy, I Am," Ed Peats; "I Wish I Had a Girl," Froncell Manley; "Outside the Heavenly Gates," Mme. Damon; "I Ain't as Foolish as I Look to Be," Ed Wilson; grand finale, "Wish Me Good Luck on My Journey," Zebb Matthews and company.

Intermission. Dony Brook, overture, "Morning, Noon and Night," orchestra; Prof. Jno. W. Anderson, director.

Olio. Mahara's Big Four Male Quartette in miscellaneous numbers; Zebb Mathews, first tenor; Froncell Manley, second tenor; A. M. Damon, basso; Skinner Lee, baritone.

Indian demonstration, "Big Chief," sung by Skinner Lee. Squaws: Susie Anderson, Della Watkins, Zola Franklin, Astraila Lewis, Willie Perry.

Al Boyd and Ed Peat in a budget of nonsense.

"The Isle of Allspice," full of music, comedy and song. Players: Commander in Chief, A. M. Damon; Capt. Cooper, Al Boyd; Private Fight, Zeb Matthews; Private Lightfoot, Skinner Lee; Private Shorty, Skinner Lee; Private Black, Oliver Mead; Snare Drumsky, Tommy Hicks; Sargeant Green (who feels blue), Ed Wilson; Sargeant Brave (always ready to run), Ed F. Peat.

The Mahara Concert Band, consisting of twelve pieces, is under the direction of Prof. G. N. Ayers, featuring the ever-popular overture Remidss Hits, No. 4, daily.

The company sends regards to all in and out of the profession.

GEM THEATER, MEMPHIS, TENN.

This house is still holding its own and packing them to the doors nightly.

"Lord Harry Herne," a melodrama in two acts and four scenes, written and staged by Miss Jainie Mullen, proved to be a grand success. Cast of characters is as follows: Lady Darrycourt, Elnora Hunt; Lord Darrycourt, Hi Henry Hunt; Lucile Darrycourt, Susie Johnson; Lord Meril (a villain), Will Perry; Harry Herne, Jainie Mullen.

Mme. Elnora Hunt, the lady with the big voice, is holding her own nightly singing "If Your Heart Is Right, You Can't Do Me a Wrong" and "Kiss Me Right."

Jainie Mullen, our male impersonator, is singing "Don't Go Away" and making good as usual.

Perry and Johnson, those clever sketch artists, have on their new act this week and it's a winner.

Willie Perry, our stage manager, sends regards to all friends in and out of the profession.

Hi Henry Hunt is doing a very clever contortion act this week. He sends regards to Sank Simms, Bud Lively and Rob Clark.

"THE LAST DAYS OF POMPEII."

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Jan. 15.—"The Last Days of Pompeii" was given in the chapel by a number of the teachers Thursday night of this week. The stage setting was appropriate for the rendition, and the several persons taking part acquitted themselves most creditably.

The cast of characters was as follows: Glaucus, E. C. Roberts; Clodius, Warren Logan; Julia, Miss Sadie E. Harvey; Arbaces, Clement Richardson; Apaecides, E. D. Washington; Nydia, Miss Hallie C. Queen; Eletha, Miss B. A. Bolden; Stratonicus, T. E. Owens; Ione, Miss Florence Sewell; Sosia, Miss Mary Ross.

Flower Girls—Miss M. E. Smith, Miss Florence Swain.

Saga (witch)—Miss Lilla Taylor.

Guards—W. T. Shehee, Benjamin Ammons, John Goiens, St. Elmo Grady.

Miriam, Miss Carrie Smith; Clena, Mrs. Meeks; Ardath, Miss Sadie Dorsette; Calpurnia, Miss Amelia Cromwell.

Charles Winter Wood was dramatic director, and N. Clark Smith, director of the orchestra. The play was arranged for presentation by Miss Hallie E. Queen, one of our teachers.

Mrs. Washington, president of the Tuskegee Woman's Club, under whose direction the play was given, explained in a few prefatory words something of the purpose to which the money realized would go, and also something of the story the drama was designed to portray.

DON'T KNOCK.

By JAMES E. SIMPSON,
(The Little Fellow with the Big Feet.)

DON'T knock a performer because he is better than you are.

DON'T go about town talking of him to others.

DON'T tell every body that you are "It." Leave that for others to say.

DON'T stand on the stage and stamp your foot at the piano player when you make a bad note yourself.

DON'T look daggers at the piano player when you lose your own time dancing. If you rehearsed your act, whose fault is it?

DON'T try to undermine the stage manager out of his position because he is strict and fines you for not attending rehearsals promptly.

DON'T go about calling performers aristocrats because they do not hang around behind your heels and spend their change.

DON'T be a "front door knocker" and run to the manager with everything you hear. He won't think any more of you for it; you only hurt yourself.

DON'T let your head get too big for your hat; always be able to wear the same size.

DON'T try to "get back" at performers if they try to show you something in your act that will improve it. Thank them nicely and try it and see how their suggestions will take.

DON'T knock performers that have been in the business longer than you, for they have got their snow shoes off. Try to get a pair yourself and wear them until you will be able to discard them; then you can consider yourself a performer.

DON'T get it into your head that a manager cannot get along without you, for there is always someone that can fill your place.

DON'T have too much to say about other people's business. Just attend to your own; then you will see how much nicer it is and always have friends.

DON'T stand on the stage or in the wings and giggle, talk and laugh when a performer is on the stage; it annoys the audience and also the party or parties on the stage. You will soon appear and be able to show what you can do.

DON'T knock; be good, and you will always have friends both in and out of the profession.

MEMPHIS THEATER NOTES.

Memphis is the only city in the South that has five theatres supported by and run exclusively for colored patrons and therefore I am proud to say that I can name it the Memphis Stroll.

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THE ROYAL. Last week the management surprised the patrons by putting on as an afterpiece a Western drama in one act and two scenes, written and staged by K. K. Mathews Jr., entitled "Tim Johnson's Saloon." First scene, street; second scene, Capt. Johnson's bar. Cast of characters: Handsome Harry (Bessie's sweetheart), R. R. Mathews Jr.; Capt. Tim Johnson (a villain with a black heart and in love with Bessie), Jas. E. Simpson; Jimmie (a newsboy, Harry's friend), Eddie Wilkins; Mike and Jake (Tim's tools and cronies in crime), Louis Tynsley and Billy Williams; Tom (Tim's bartender), Walter Reid; Bad Liz, Miss Blanche Arlington; Wicked Nell, Miss Ida Gardner; Bessie (Harry's sweetheart), Miss Ada Harris. The show closes with moving pictures and the patrons nearly went wild. I must say that the patrons of the Royal are well satisfied with the Royal Stock Company. Walter Reid, the Royal's trap drummer, bought a new set of trap drums, bells, etc., and he is the proudest man on the Stroll.

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GEM THEATRE. Had a nice all-star vaudeville bill last week, closing with an afterpiece written and staged by Willie Perry, stage manager, entitled "Foul Play."

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TUCK'S THEATRE. Under the stage management of John Goodloe, put on another little surprising show last week also, introducing two new faces, Russell & Fowler, in their eccentric singing and dancing act. Harry Jefferson, trap drummer, has closed his engagement at Tick's, closing a successful season.

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LYRIC THEATRE. A nice little place of amusement opened last week with G. M. Curry as assistant manager and electrician, and I am glad to say that the house has a nice little company and I am sure that they will please the Lyric's patrons. I visited the show Saturday and was well pleased with it.

Willie Owens, with his eccentric dancing, got the audience nicely.

Charlie Anderson in old woman monologue is a clever young rising comedian.

Geo. Centers and wife put on a pleasing little act by Centers, entitled "Have You Ever Been on the Stage," and caught the house nicely. Mr. Centers, formerly of Knoxville, is stage manager, and I am sure that under the stage management of Mr. Centers and his company that they will be able to please the Lyric's patrons.

H. Kidd Love, formerly of Ticks, is musical director.

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AMUSE-U-THEATRE. Will open the last part of the week under the stage management of Eugene Clark, one of our old veteran show men and old man impersonators, and I feel sure that under Mr. Clark's direction the show will be up to the notch, for I have known Mr. Clark for a number of years and know that he is capable of producing good acts. The names of the Amuse-U performers will appear in a later issue of THE FREEMAN.

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Richard R. Mathews Jr. sends best regards to Billy Earthquake, Leroy Bland and Jones.

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Geo. Harris, Memphis' favorite singing, talking and dancing wonder, is going into the vaudeville field under the management of Hammitt Ashford. Good luck to Geo.

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Copies of THE FREEMAN may be had at the Royal Theatre from Jas. Edna Simpson, agent and correspondent.

THE INTERPRETATION OF RED MOON RAYS

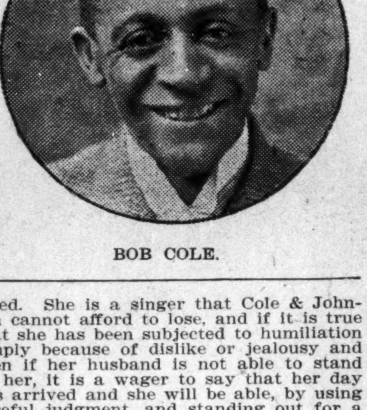
By SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

When the moon comes peeping over the hills and rises over the housetops, we have moonshine; sometimes the moon is red, mut in other cases it don't shine at all, there is no moon and the sad clouds which saunter above the electric lights is left in darkness. "The Red Moon" in this case is a stage production, but the "Red Moon Rays" is a syndicated letter which wends its way into the New York and Indianapolis newspapers, in which we see reflected what can be termed the Bob Cole Policies. Of these policies it is safe to say that they have invited interrogation; their publicity has now reached a barren field of interpretation which can serve as an excellent medium of X-ray translation.

The Bob Cole policies carried out in the Red Moon Rays in the issue of December 31, 1908, of the New York *Age* on the very last day of the year is to say that Mr. Cole is growing a little older and his wisdom grows weaker.

The retirement of Anna Cook Pankey from the Cole & Johnson company, of which we speak regretfully, is to take the stand in behalf of the greatest singer in comedy, right or wrong, because she has no red moon rays to aid her and possibly no New York dramatic editor free enough from the frogs to hold her up as a female and a great singer. To begin with, there could be no very great reason for this lady's retirement except that she is the greatest singe rof the bunch and naturally the one to be greeted with jealousy, contempt and humiliation. The exposure of this proceeding follows after the opening of a rotten egg in the red moon rays report of the date just mentioned, dictated by the Bob Cole policies.

It has been reported that Anna Cook (let us cut the Pankey out) was dissatisfied with her room in a Western city, and if it is true that she was not given as good a room as the other leading ladies, she had a perfect right to be dissatisfied. She is a singer that Cole & Johnson cannot afford to lose, and if it is true that she has been subjected to humiliation simply because of dislike or jealousy and even if her husband is not able to stand by her, it is a wager to say that her day has arrived and she will be able, by using careful judgment, and standing out for a large salary, to go it alone.



BOB COLE.

If a part of the Cole policy is to make balls and have others to throw them, it is best that this policy be crushed out altogether and the whole red moon ray movement be banished from the face of the newspaper service. The red moon rays, or any other kind of theatrical rays, treats of favoritism, and I am not in favor of rays, as a weekly issue. And it needed the great actor doctors of law to pass upon the remarkable case of Anna Cook. The old veteran Sam Lucas was forced by the Cole policies to have his say. Charles Hunter, perhaps, had to hammer out the Cole policies on a typewriter, and perhaps Sammie Corker had to go ahead and order nice rooms for leading lady soubrettes, and cold barn storage for hateful prima donnas who sing too well for the stars but not for the public.

Cole's policies reach the limit when he says "Sic-um Rossy," and have Rosamond Johnson deliver a Shakespeare speech, quoting their own words, in behalf of the policies which have placed him into a position he doesn't quite know how to hold. Mr. Johnsno has now been three years in trying to place himself as a comedy star; the Bob Cole policies have not aided him any, and he is perhaps not yet aware that he is enjoying privileges that other comedy actors could not enjoy without being a composer and the associate of a shining star. Preaching Shakespeare is not worthy of publication. What we want will be to see Rosamond Johnson dance next season and we will be pretty sure to see it if he remains in comedy, to be called a star, and he will have to omit his heavy vaudeville specialty also.

As for Bob Cole and his forgone policies, as the foremost representative actor of the Twentieth Century, he is going to have a trying time during the external exposition of his printed dictates seen and discovered in the red moon rays. He had best cut the newspaper end of it all out and get down to internal business, that of grooming his partner for the most particular necessaries of his Thespian warfare. It is believed, however, that in some instances the Cole policies have done much good. He elected Charles Hunter this season as his new stage manager; but was it Hunter or the Cole policies that placed Anna Cook singing among the Indians, with her back to the audience and her melodious voice beating against the bricks, and the placing of Frank Fowler Brown up in the unseen tower next to the roof, where he cannot be seen by the people?

We did not mean by asserting last season that "the gates be open wide" when the stars enter in," that all the other chief support should be subordinated. Can it be that Jesse A. Shipp's mastering of generalities is bidding fair to exceed the Cole policies, or is that Mr. Cole is being overworked and has taken to the Big Stick because he has too much on his hands? But we hope that Mr. Cole will not break down. We love him a great deal and we have sometimes loved him blindly. We owe him much. We have worshipped his cause. The "Red Moon" production in some respects exceeds anything ever witnessed, in scenic effects and lyrical and musical compositions, from any two other producers. But the rays which I have X-rayed for the good of the Cole policies and Mr. Johnson, not not be again rehearsed unless the mistakes of life which are many, come bubbling out in "Red Moon Rays" in such a manner as to incite rebukes and excite curiosity.

It is earnestly hoped that this cry of rebellion will not seriously shock society. Mr. Cole has long been known as the one favored actor of the most exclusive social set of Greater New York and Washington, D. C., and society will be very much mortified if in the event of a fortnight or two the Cole policies should have to be further aired and dried. We all remember that Washington society has already frowned upon a well-known concert prima donna, but as for a male star it is not so easy to turn one down without giving him a good sound licking.

Bob Cole may not admit to being guilty of making moon ray balls, but his coaching tactics might safely be regarded as a silent issue of his policies. Not one typewritten red moon ray passes from the stenographer to the Indianapolis, New York or Philadelphia dramatic editors without a most careful perusal or some invincible suggestion from the chief man who runs the "Red Moon" machinery.

The Red Moon Rays,
Of numbered days,
Are scarce of ideologies;
While other plays
Have better ways
Than some of Bob Cole's policies.

"DEAR OLD DAHOMEY" IN CHICAGO

By JULI JONES.

Braving the storm and keeping up the pace. The way business has been going on has encouraged business men to get together and make the Stroll one glamorous way. In other words, we are going to buck Atlantic City for popularity the coming season. As the different railroads running from "The Land of Bam" will run excursions every day from the dear old country at a ridiculous low rate. To offset these merchants along the great "Black and White Way" have raised a fund to engage the two local bands of the Eighth Regiment of forty pieces. The Elks band (thirty-eight pieces) will parade every evening at 7:30 until 9. This will be called the feature in the musical world, "The Parading Concert," from 26th to 36th street. We are going to make the streets wider and we are going to make Atlantic City an after consideration. The business along the Stroll, considering the weather man's act, in double lightning change weather, one can't tell from one hour to another whether it will be zero or a hundred below.

The bills along the Stroll are "way out there." There are only two houses that seem to be offering anything out of the ordinary, the Pekin and the Grand. The others are putting on "stock"; in other words, "stick out stock." We'll stick out until spring.

THE PEKIN'S offering this week is a "stand out bill." Two big acts, one novelty and sketch team, that balances the bill well. All colored. The writer hates to make apologies for others' mistakes, but it seems it will have to be done to put things in a proper light, as he can only write from what he sees. The big act that has been going on in this house Monday night shows the effect of bad staging, bad chorus work, and seems to be on outs with the orchestra. This is a poor excuse to offer the public that pays its money. The producers have overlooked this, one of the most important facts in the show business. The opening night is the night of all nights, and they should be as near ready as possible. The audience is not supposed to return the middle of the week to see how well you are doing. The first nighters are the real critics.

The bill opened with Buddie Gilmore & Co. Should have been Buddie Gilmore & Regiment," for he had a whole army with him. They had plenty of speed and ginger, but very little to do. It was strung out in such a way that it was hard to tell what they were going to do next. But in the face of all these facts its was extraordinarily good, and one feature in the act, a young miss, eclipsed anything that has ever been seen on the Pekin stage. She went the clever little Madeline (Kinky Doo) Cooper one better, and had the foot action of Aida Overton Walker. Her dendition of the song "Kinky Doo" was not as good as this song has been done in this house, but was very good; simply a case of being too fast for a slow song. Mr. Gilmore, the star, is a very clever youngster, but has overlooked his position as star of the piece. He neither dresses nor makes up for the part. He comes on the stage entirely too soon. Stars are generally the last to appear in any kind of cast, large or small. He should bear this in mind in the future, or the people will be looking for the star when the curtain goes down.

Next was Saparo & Bonny, a sketch team. This is their second engagement in this house. This is what you can call an "improved act." They have cut out a good deal of their talk, added new songs and plenty of speed, and have dropped their personal affiliation with the audience and have gotten down to work. This means a straight road to success.

Next was the Jalvans, a comedy juggling act. This is one of the oldest novelty acts in the business. The juggler goes about his feats in a clean and clever way. These acts are the most needed acts in order to make up a complete Negro vaudeville bill.

Then came the house feature, W. A. Thomas & Co. in "Down Home." The piece showed the effects of the memories of the past and also the lack of the proper cues in general chorus rehearsing. The play lost so much speed from stage waits that the audience lost half its interest. The musical numbers were very good, those that the chorus and orchestra knew. Their action in the song "Sugar Cane" behind Miss Grady seemed like it was the first time they had ever heard the song. Mr. Thomas and Miss Grady squared up things with "Miss Malindy." This will be a good salt when all hands learn it, because the girls are pretty and work fast.

THE GRAND. In fact of the weather and close times, this house offered the banner bill of the season. In fact, it was over its patrons' heads. The bill was so good that the people didn't appreciate it until they got on the sidewalk. The show begins with Miss Josephine Devance singing that raging success "Sugar Cane," the song that is a cousin to "Sugar Babe." This is the song that is making such a big hit in the Williams & Walker show at the Great Northern. Funny too that these wise knights will allow their hit to be used in Dahomey before they use it themselves. Miss Devance has punctured so many holes in it that it would be useless now for anybody else to try it out on the Stroll.

The sixth engageemnt of Sir Joseph Simms. Now what will he do this time to make good? Joe fooled them. After hard struggling he found his stolen goat and he fixed up that crowd for what the first night did to him. Joe has lasted longer than any of the Dahomey comedians. He works hard. That's the thing that tells, and he knows it. There is no use of telling a joke a second time, no matter how good it is, in this house.

Then came Miss Ethel Darr, a very clever little ballet dancer. Age will improve her. She has the hardest act in the show business to get to the front on just dancing alone; but those are the best after all, for they are hard reached, and is appreciated when reached. Anyway, she is the only lady that has come in this house and made good with a dance alone.

Next was Doc Baker, character singer, the "touch not problem." That's neither here nor there. This young man without doubt is the best character and descriptive singer that has ever appeared in Dahomey. He belongs in a production on Broadway, New York, and is only losing time by singing in small outlying houses. There were many in the audience who will live to see the day to remark, after seeing him further advanced in life, "that they heard him sing in a ten-cent show. He sang three different songs at each show with apparent ease.

Next came Blondie Robinson and Billie McCarver, a reproduction of the great acrobatic team of Goggan & Davis. It will be a long time before Dahomey will see an acrobatic song and dance team of this kind, as they open next week in the big wheel. Now I would like to know what they are going to follow this bill with.

THE MONOGRAM. Lew Lamar and Shelton Brooks still putting on stock at the Monogram Theatre, and put on what they pleased. Lamar says his regular customers are coming no matter what he does anyway. Lamar and Brooks are doing the act, chorus singing occasionally, audience doing the laughing and paying. This is what Lamar calls "real show business."

Carter and Bluford were at the Majestic last week. This is one of the three colored acts that play the Majestic, of the many that are on the road, Cooper and Robinson, and Avery and Hart. I doubt very much if the audience knew this was a colored act. It's the best dressed and best staged that's on the American stage today. It is programmed "The Act Beautiful" and everybody is stretching to see what that means, and they live up to the program. This act would surprise the ardent admirers of the team. Wherever you see them billed, go and see; that's all the writer can say.

The big song hit of Dahomey and Williams & Walker show has brought to notice some of the funniest things that was ever known about rights and protection of songs. It is as long as the constitution of Oklahoma, but we will condense it down to the small parts and bits. First, it reads like this: "Words by Avery & Hart; composed by Cris Smith and R. C. McPhearson; paper from New England Paper Mills; thought occurred in Baron Wilkes, New York; published by the Gotham Publishing Co. of the Gotham-Attucks Music Co.; introduced by Miss Josephine Devance at the Grand Theatre, assisted by the Grand Trio, all of Chicago, Ill.; stormed the house by Misses Jennie and Murrell Ringold at the Great Northern Theatre, Chicago, Ill.; all rights reserved; must not be sung in Hong Kong, China, or Kankakee, Ill., by any one; boosted and boomed by Will Marion Cook." There are other attaches, but space will not allow. The song in question is "Down Among the Sugar Cane."

MERIDIAN, MISS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Mamie Vandegrift, wife of B. S. Vandegrift, who has been sick for some time, died at her home at Chattanooga, Tenn., on January 8. Her remains were brought to Meridian, Miss., for interment. Her funeral was large attended at Union Baptist Church, Thirty-eighth avenue, on Sunday, the 10th of January, at 3 p. m. Rev. J. T. Davis, her pastor, preached the funeral, and paid a beautiful trbiute to the deceased. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity. Interment in the L. S. and D. Cemetery....Dr. A. W. Bowen left for Oklahoma City on January 15, where he filled his pulpit at the night services....The annual conference of the M. E. Church South, which has been in session at St. Paul M. E. Church, Twenty-sixth avenue and Twelfth street, from January 13 to 17, Bishop McEntire (white) presiding, made the following assignments: Rev. S. A. Cowan, St. Paul M. E. Church; Rev. D. L. Morgan, Haven Chapel M. E. Church, East End; Rev. J. W. Isabel, retained at South Side Mission; Rev. W. M. McMorris, reappointed the presiding elder of the Meridian district. The appointments meet the approval of the membership....Wallace Bailey died Sunday, January 17. No arrangements have been made for the funeral and burial....Rev. N. W. Wallace, pastor of Pilgrim Progress Baptist Church, is at Hot Springs for his health....Mrs. Lottie Hall, while sitting up in a chair, sleeping, with her baby in her arms, on Sunday, January 17, about 1 p. m., was very badly burned. Dr. D. W. Sherrod was called in and did all in his power to relieve her. He entertains very little hope of her recovery....Will Manning, who has been away from the city for some time, arrived here on January 15, to visit his father and famiyl and many friends. ....P. W. Ivy, of Memphis, Tenn., arrived in the city on January 15 to visit his many relatives and friends....Mrs. Fannie Allis has been visiting her relatives and many friends in the city the past week. She left for her home at Birmingham, Ala., on January 18....Mrs. C. B. Gaines and little daughter Nora left a few days ago to visit her uncle, W. J. Moore, at Hattiesburg, Miss....Mrs. Mabel Johnson Gibbs left Sunday evening, January 17, for Tuscaloosa, Ala., to visit Mrs. Vina Simms, and will be absent for a week....Mrs. Harriett Johnson came down from Louderdale, Miss., on January 16, to visit her granddaughter, in the East End, for a few days....Mrs. E. L. Johnson, who has been sick the past week, was able to go up the M. & O. road, on the 15th, to install some officers of the K. and L. of H. of the World, near Macon, Miss.

TROY, ALA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The New Year's entertainment given at the K. of P. Hall, January 11, proved a grand success, and was attended by many. James Wright, the well-known pianist, had charge of the music....Mrs. Carmilla Dickson spent last Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Cannie Fason....Miss Annie Nunn spent several days in Brantly last week....Mrs. Emma Hillard, of Brundidge, Ala., was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Lizzie McQueen....Miss Mamie Walton, of Montgomery, Ala., spent several days in Troy last week, the guest of Miss Mollie Artis....The following officers of St. Paul A. M. E. Sunday school were elected Sunday morning: Mr. Smith Mahorn, superintendent; M. D. Neal, assistant superintendent; Miss Gussie Love, secretary; Henry Mathews, assistant secretary; Mrs. Clara Tinsley, treasurer; Joe High, Jr., librarian; Miss Willie Entsey, assistant lbirarian; Miss Leila Love, organist.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Graves was called to Danville, Ky., to the bedside of her husband, Peyton Graves. She is one of our agents here and has our heartfelt sympathy....Mrs. Sarah Foster, of 1608 Congress street, is still confined to her bed. Her son has come here from Chicago to be with her.

ROUTE.

WILLIAMS & WALKER—Chicago, Ill.
THE BRUCES—Week of Jan. 25, Family Theatre, Muscatine, Ia.
BLACK PATTI TROUBADORUS—Galveston, Tex., Jan. 25; San Antonio, 26 and 27; Uvalde, 28; Del Rio, 29.
AL G. FIELD'S MINSTRELS—Wilmington, Del., Jan. 25; N. Brunswick, N. J., 26; Trenton, 27; Elizabeth, 28; Perth Amboy, 29; Plainfield, 30.
RICHARD & PRINGLE'S MINSTRELS—Beenville, Tex., Jan. 25; Victoria, 26; Bay City, 27; Wharlow, 28; Houston, 29; Humble, 30; Galveston, 31.
ALLEN'S MINSTRELS—Tampa, Fla., Jan. 24, 25, 26.

THE FREEMAN POSTOFFICE

Notice.—Persons whose names appear in the following list will kindly send for mail, as the names will appear four times and then returned to writer or dead-letter office. It would prevent delay if all performers would send route from time to time and letter could be forwarded at once.

Gentlemen's List.

Bruce, W. A.
Barton, Geo. L.
Gilliam, Bessie.
Crosby, Goldie.
Cooper, John.
Cox, Jim.
Edwards, Chas.
Johnson, Napoleon.
Johnson, Roy.
Lewis, Thos. J.
Ratcliffe, L.
Warkins,and Early.

Ladies' List.

Cook, Anna.
Fuller, Eva.
Schackleford, Frankie Barton, Mrs.
Henderson, Katie.

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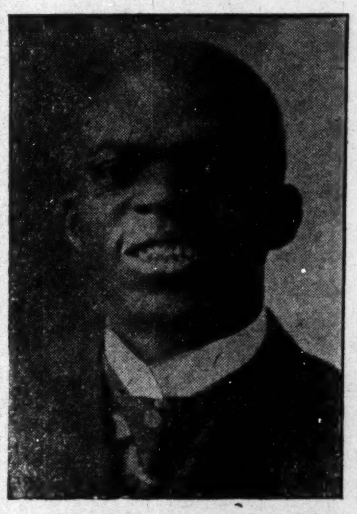

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W. T. VERNON'S ADDRESS

At Annual Banquet of League of the District of Columbia.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6, 1909.—On the evening of January 4, the Negro Business League of the District of Columbia gave its annual banquet. W. Sydney Pittman, president of the logal league, acted as toastmaster of the occasion.

There was a very large attendance of members, and a number of speeches were made. Hon. W. T. Vernon, Register of the Treasury, who is a life member of the organization, made a very eloquent speech, which was roundly applauded by the assembled gentlemen: In part the Register spoke as follows:

"I congratulate myself upon having been present at this year's annual banquet and heard the splendid report of work done by your local organization. It is a source of gratification to me as it must be to every one who wishes well for his people, to observe the material progress of the people of this community.

"You but demonstrate the capacity of the race to acquire and hold, and this demonstration is but a type of that which I understand is going on wherever the Business League is known.

"Aside from a racial interest in the work of organization, as a life member I feel an especial interest in its growth and development. Though occupying a position of political character, I have had some opportunity to observe the certainty of business success and its guarantee for the future, when weighed against any other success, so liable to fluctuation because of external agencies.

"The man who builds well along business lines, gains confidence in himself, confidence of his community and has an assured footing for the future.

"I have been much impressed with the statistics given of the growth along business lines of the race during the past forty years. Especially has this phase of of our racial development taken on concrete form and been made more apparent since the bringing together of the business men of the race through the medium of the Business League. A most estimable service has been rendered the Negro and the country at large, since his material development is but part of his country's prosperity; and for that reason every encouragement given this movement lends added strength to the race and contributes to the betterment of our national life.

"You are especially to be congratulated upon having organized the business men of the District of Columbia. This is a city which brings together the thousands from all over the world, who with diversified interests, political and otherwise, would naturally in some measure lack the cohesiveness so necessary in the building up of a permanent, towering business. For that reason this gathering tonight, and the work of the promoters of the local league, speaks volumes and indicates a greater amount of energy, tact, patience and determination than is required in the average community made up by a population less liable to change.

HON. W. T. VERNON.

"Where the patrons come and go, you must of necessity depend upon a transient trade to insure success. This, it would seem, would always create an element of uncertainty for the business men so environed, and in some measure prevent the launching out into greater ventures in the prosecution of his business. Thus you have entailed conservatism, bordering on timidity, which would most likely prevent that amount of success possible under different circumstances.

"Wise indeed must be those men among you who are sufficiently conservative to not overreach in the matter of investment, and at the same time sufficiently progressive to keep pace with the demands of these intensely commercial times.

"My observation would lead me to believe that in no city of this country is competition more rife than here. Entitled to our respect and approval, then, are those men who have succeeded in alegitimate business. Every encouragement should be given you as an organization and as individuals for the success of the work with which you are meeting. Every man who strives for leadership does well when he extends a helping hand to your efforts. He can in no more practical way show his fealty to his race and demonstrate his belief in the possibility of the race than when he approves of your efforts by his words and by his acts.

"The race has need of its business men. Any people whose sole accomplishment is based upon the hazard of political fortune, or who depend entirely upon their professional men to make a place for the race, will find themselves on a sandy foundation, and when the storms come and the winds beat upon this race, its house will fall. No man is so politically independent as that man who has an assured income and who can express his opinion untramelled, without fear of being reduced to want or bringing distress to his loved ones. In the various communities of the country, the Negro business men are more and more becoming factors in the political life of the race. To these men the temptation to be venal does not come. They are above want and can put the temptation behind them.

"I would not have you understand me to say that the possession of property or money can take the place of an upright character, because venality in politics is not necessarily limited to the poor. However, removing the necessity for yielding to temptation is a step forward toward the purification of politics.

"The successful Negro business man can stand out for all the rights of the race and uncompromisingly demend that justice be done his people. This attitude, when known by the masses of the people, tends to popularize him and his leadership eventuates as a consequence. The next step is natural—that is, the demand of his community or State for consideration. These demands accorded and his place as a leader suggests his selection as the logical sequence.

"There are instances when these successful business men, by reason of their diversified interests, have found it necessary to decline positions of trust and honor. In each case these declinations have done the race no harm, but have brought to the notice of the country the pre-eminent success with which the individual, a type of the race, has met. It has followed almost invariably that such men have been enabled to shape policies for the betterment of the race, and in some cases to suggest who should represent the race in such positions. This all demonstrates the power possible for the Negro business man all over the country.

"We would emphasize this work. We have long since learned that racial development must proceed along every line, exemplified in the career of the white race. The man of means who touches elbows with his kind, regardless of race, will respect the display of business acumen, financial integrity and real worth of his associates.

"I am prepared to unhesitatingly and uncompromisingly commend your work and wish for you the support and endorsement of this community. If this Business League has for its purpose the building up of your present enterprises and the formation of new ones; if it shall have for its aim the accumulation of realty holdings, and the financial independence of those whom it seeks to benefit, then no man can reasonably oppose it, and every man should encourage it."

Chaplain W. W. E. Gladden of the 24th United States Infantry has been the guest of Register Vernon for several days and while here he took in all the sights of the city and met many prominent representatives of the race. He left the city yesterday for Madison Barracks, New York, where his regiment is stationed.

Register Vernon is preparing to make an extended lecture tour of the West. He has been compelled to decline many invitations to speak in various sections of the country on account of his itinerary having been made up for the season.

Fred Moore, editor of the New York *Age*, and Chaplain Gladden were the guests of Register Vernon at luncheon while visiting the city.

TUSKEGEE CONFERENCE.

The Eighteenth Anual Tuskegee Negro Conference is to be held at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, Wednesday and Thursday, February 17 and 18, 1909. Special committees have already been appointed by the Executive Council of the Tuskegee Institute to arrange a program of exercises and to care for the comfort of such visitors as may be present.

In addition to representative farmers, who will come from all of the Southern States, formal invitations have been sent by Principal Booker T. Washington to the presidents of all of the Negro schools in the country and to the editors of all of the colored newspapers, as well as to a considerable number of professional and other prominent representatives of the race, asking them to be present at the same time.

Reduced rates of one and one-third fare on the certificate plan have been granted by the Southeastern Passenger Association. These rates apply south of the Ohio and Potomac rivers and east of the Mississippi river, and tickets can be bought to Tuskegee for three days preceding the first day's session, February 17, and are good to return three days following the close of the meeting, February 18, not including Sunday.

MERIDIAN, MISS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Mamie Austin, who has been visiting down to N. O. & N. E. Road, has returned to the city...Mrs. Mabel B. Gibbs has been on the sick last the past few weeks...Mrs. Mamie Vandergrift, who died at Chattanooga, Tenn., Friday, Jan. 8, was brought to Meridian for interment. Her funeral was largely attended at Union Baptist Church Sunday evening, Jan. 10, at 3 p. m. Rev. J. T. Davis, the pastor, preached the funeral sermon. The church was crowded to its utmost capacoity. Rev. Davis paid a beautiful tribute to the deceased. Interment was in the L. S. & D. cemetery. Mr. Vandergrift, the husband, and other relatives, have the sympathy of the Meridian community in their loss...Rev. Williams of Selma, Ala., preached an able sermon on Sunday, Jan. 10, at El Bethel Baptist Church, 30th avenue and 13th street, to a fair-sized congregation. Rev. Williams is a forcible preacher and a plain speaker. ...Alex Gatewood, who has been living in Meridian for several years, died on the operating table Jan. 4. The body was prepared for burial and shipped to his home at Mobile, Ala., for interment. Messrs. G. R. Thomas and D. P. Earle of Wallace Lodge No. 160, K. of P., accompanied the remains...A. J. Gibbs and Johnnie Radford came up from Newton, Miss., on Jan. 9...Rev. Dr. W. W. Lucas preached an able sermon at St. Paul A. M. E. Church on Sunday night, Jan. 10, to a large congregation. Dr. Lucas is an able speaker...The annual conference of the M. E. Church South convened at St. Paul M. E. Church on Jan. 13, and was in session the balance of the week. ...Mrs. Francis James has been ill at her home in the northeastern part of the city the past two weeks.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN MEMORIALS.

By CHARLES D. MARSHALL.

As the years roll by the true memorial to Abraham Lincoln will be the steadily increasing affection of the Negro race of all America. He builded for himself a monument more lasting than bronze. A visible expression of the grateful appreciation of the American people—the black race especially—is none the less desirable. Above all things, we should never forget to praise his name and keep his memory ever fresh in our hearts.

Congress is reported to favor a Lincoln Square in Washington. The conception is a grand one. A tract near the Capitol should be purchased and embellished. A statue representing the highest art of the sculptor should be set up. To this square the people of the United States and visitors from all the world would be drawn as to one of the notable show places of the earth. In such a conspicuous position the greatness of Lincoln would be emphasized. In no other city in America could a memorial of this type create the impression upon the world at large as in the capital, upon whose adornment the people of this country have made magnificent outlays.

The Lincoln Farm project is a worthy one, and one that should have our support and earnest consideration. The Negro should show his esteem for Lincoln by putting a helping hand in maintaining and beautifying the Lincoln Farm. The sentimental associations connected with the birthplace and tomb of this great man should have a telling influence and effect upon our race leaders. Their support should be without question.

Abraham Lincoln was too great a man, especially in our sight, to have but one memorial. The race he helped to save is too great, strong and lovable to continue in its progress without some mark of love to the immortal Lincoln. Why not build a monument in token of our love for his great principles? The wider his fame is spread, the more his personality and his power are emphasized, and the stronger our people will be.

SNAPS FROM A GINGER JAR.

By CHARLES D. MARSHALL.

TO RICHARD W. THOMPSON,
(The Veteran Newspaper Correspondent.)
Grand old chief of the scribes, I reach my hand to thee,
In token of the fellowship that you have shown to me;
And I raise my hat and wave and shout three cheers
Long and loud for the man who drives out old fears,
And brings courage, progress and that news o' life
That makes a fellow see, glittering, hope 'long side of strife.
And every mother's son of us feels downright eager and glad
To read every "doggone" line of "Flights" that you may ever have.
"Dick," I have said, for the life of me,
I cannot see when your idle times may be,
For your lines express that knowledge which takes
A man to be "up there," but up to no fakes.

Hail, chieftain, well met,
The race's love you've won;
For others may have Curtis—but
We'll take dear old Thomp-son!

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Everybody keep quiet while Mr. Taft selects. At least Poor Richard does.

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"What caused you to become angry at the doctor and tell him to never darken your door again?" asked Mrs. Thompson of Mrs. Jackson as they both came out of church last Sunday morning. "Because," said Mrs. Jackson, "he said that he thought he would send me to a warmer climate, and I'm sho' on ter him."

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If you ever have occasion to say anything to a mule, say it to his face.

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In a recent visit here, Andrew Tribble, the well-known comedian of the "Red Moon" company, met a party of old chums and was carted off to dinner. During the moments spent in dining the following question was directed at Andrew by a lad woh had recently come from Atlanta: "Mistah Tribbles," says he, "which are de greater feats, to steal a baff tub from a house er to steal a stove?" "We-ll," says Andrew thoughtfully, dropping into dialect too, "to steal a stove, of co'se. It mought be weeks befo' dey'd miss de baff tub."

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It is one thing sure, Mr. Taft certainly has a great many Negro politicians greatly worried just now.

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About the only alarming trouble that we can find with ourselves is that desire that we have to wag our tongues.

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We have it on good authority that Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Johnson will remain in the city until they leave it.

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A little boy's prayer: Deah Lordy, we wants you to be moughty keerful of yo'se'f, fer if we should lose you dey wouldn't be anybody but de Pesident, an' my pappy say we don' want him much longer 'cause he turn loose too many cullud sol'iers.

SOCIETY NEWS.

(From Correspondence I Have Read.)

Mr. and Mrs. J. Columbus Smith of Glorianis street breakfasted at home last Monday.

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Mrs. Doshy Barber Clark, M. S. B. D. of C. A., of the Daughters of Help Yourself, Court No. 20, gave a party last week for her daughter Flippie, who is secretary of the same lodge. Miss Flippie Clark is one of the season's favorites. Since becoming secretary she dresses superbly, is a great talker, can dance all night and look fresh the next morning. She will make an excellent ornament for some lucky man.

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Mrs. James Shaveemall, wife of our well-known tonsorial artist, will give a series of whist games at her palatial residence in Back street. Her daughter, as everybody knows, was married three years ago to Dr. Kilumshure of Chicago. The daughter stood for him a year before getting a divorce.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Likedill have returned from Florida, where they spent the winter (waiting on some white people). The Likedills are nice people, not a member of the family on either side of the house having served a term in prison.

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A girl is never wrong as long as she kisses the right man.

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David Freedman says that Tom and Jerry have done more to relieve mankind of trouble than any other two men in the world.

QUINCY, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Nannie Hall, the noted hairdresser, gave a reception last week for her many customers; also a reception for her sister-in-law, Mrs. Abbie Butler, of Chicago, who visited her for a week...Miss Ida Jones of Macon, Mo., was the guest of Mrs. Munday a few days last week and was given a reception by her hostess. Mrs. R. L. Webb also entertained Miss Jones...Tollie Robinson is slowly improving...Miss Edith Mills is paying a visit with her sister in Chicago...Mrs. Rufus Lashley of Bloomington, Ill., spent a pleasant visit with her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Young...The Current Event Club gave a winter picnic with Mrs. Amanda Rufner. Mrs. G. M. Webster is president and R. L. Thornton secretary of the club...The Culture Club of Eighth Church gave an emancipation program the first Sunday in January. Mrs. Thornton, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Russell and Rev. T. L. Smith were the principal speakers...Miss Lizzie Keezee has permanently located in Chicago. ...Simon Wyatt of Kansas City visted his parents a few days...Miss Crawford of St. Louis was the guest of Mrs. Sides last week...Prof. A. E. Malone had a few friends in one evening for Sell Johnson of Keokuk...Miss Rhoda Johnson and Miss Mary Prewitt have returned to their schools in Olathea, Kan...Mrs. Oakes of Palmyra, Mo., was a guest of Mrs. Munday last week...The Culture Club last week presented its president, J. W. Tutt, a handsome gold ring...Will Young has bought Ollie Robinson's saloon business...Mrs. Geo. Dabner is spending a few days in Bloomington and Springfield, Ill...Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Munday celebrated their twelfth wedding anniversary Jan. 14...Miss Daisy Donaldson of Springfield was the guest of Miss Martha Edwards last week. These and many others were given a royal time by the Quincyites...Both churches are carrying on revival services, Rev. J. Jackson Bellany of Springfield assisting Rev. Smith and Evangelist Mary E. Wilson is assisting Rev. Sides of the A. M. E. Church.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The monthly meeting of the C. W. B. M. was held on Wednesday night, Jan. 6, at the Second Christian Church on Anna street. The program consisted of the following numbers: Bible reading, Mrs. A. Dabney; prayer; roll call; selection, Mrs. Henry Davis; selection, Nellie M. Early. About seven regular members were present and many others who were not members. After the meeting a social hour was held, which was enjoyed by all present...Frank Mallory has returned home from Chicago, where he went on business. ...About twenty friends of Serena Herman surprised her at her home. Miss Herman left for a visit with friends in St. Louis, Mo., and from there went to Villia Ridge, Ill., where she is teaching school...The riday Art Club met recently with Mrs. Lida Tinsley on Hardin avenue and was royally entertained...Mr. Edwards of Carrollton, Ill., presented his wife, Mrs. Mamie Edwards, with a beautiful upright piano recently...Several additions of new converts were added to the Mt. Emory Baptist Church during the revival...Mrs. M. O. Kinney and daughter Birdie May of Abbington, Ill., who have been visiting Mrs. Kinney's daughter Mrs. John McCree of Anna street, have returned home after a pleasant visit... Miss Estelle C. Coles of Kansas City, Mo., has returned home after spending the holidays with Mrs. L. A. Herndon, her sister...Miss Helen Haithman is doing some fine work in music...Revival meetings are now in progress at Mt. Emory Baptist Church...Prayer meetings are now in progress at the Bethel A. M. E. Church...Mrs. Eugene Hayden received the sad news of the death of her uncle in Louisiana, Mo., recently...Mr. Bradford of Springfield, Ill., formerly of this city, died suddenly at his home there. He is the son-in-law of Aunt Mary Johnson...Lulu Price of Riverton, Ill., died suddenly at her home in that city. She was the daughter of Mrs. Maria Price of this city...Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dealy and daughter Cliota have returned from Hannibal, Mo., where they attended the funeral of Mr. Dealy's brother's wife...Mrs. Carrie Williams and Mrs. Samuel Rhodes are on the sick list this week...Misses Anna and Minnie Carter of Pittsfield, Ill., are attending school in this city...Daniel Charles of Springfield, Ill., was a visitor in our city last week...Mrs. Mattie Jackson of East Morgan street entertained a few friends on Jan. 1...Mrs. Harriet Roberts of Superior avenue does not seem to improve much from her illness...Mrs. Geneva Brown, who has been quite ill, is able to be about.

DR. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON IN DEMAND.

Principal Booker T. Washington more than a year ago was invited by the Republican Club of New York City to deliver the Lincoln Day address at the annual banquet of the club, February 12, 1909. During the past month or so, he has been overwhelmed with invitations from many other sources to deliver the Lincoln Day address, under organizations of various kinds. Among these may be mentioned an invitation from the Lincoln Centennial Memorial Commission of Chicago, Ill.; the Civic Committee of Rochester, N. Y.; the Lincoln Centenary Commission of New York City; the Men's Club of Summit, N. J.; the Boston City Club of Boston, Mass.; the Emancipation Association of Portsmouth, N. H.; the Negro Republican League Club of Yonkers, N. Y.; and the Lincoln Centennial Association of Springfield, Ill., and a number of smaller organizations.

The pressure on the part of these organizations has been very great, and compromise has been made to speak under the auspices of the Men's Club of Summit, N. J., of which Mr. Hamilton W. Mabie, one of the editors of the *Outlook*, is president, on the evening of February 11th; before the Republican Club of New York City on the evening of the February 12th, and before the Boston City Club of Boston on the evening of February 13th. The exercises to be held at Springfield, Ill., are to be of great importance. Addresses are to be made by Ambassador Bryce of Great Britain, Ambassador Jusserand of France, and Hon. Philander C. Knox, recently selected to be Secretary of State in the Cabinet of President-elect Taft, besides a number of other notables.

The members of the commission in charge of these exercises at Springfield were so interested in the matter that they offered to send a special delegation from Springfield, Ill., to Tuskegee, Ala., for a personal interview in the matter, but the acceptance of the invitation from the Republican Club of New York City absolutely precluded favorable consideration of the invitation from Springfield, the burial place of the Martyred Lincoln.—From the *Tuskegee Student*.

MINEOLA, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

W. F. Watkins is pastor of the C. M. E. Church for the year...The son of Eli Jackson broke his leg last week, but is getting along nicely now...Horace Walton and Miss Georgia Bynum were married Jan. 6...Rev. A. Murphy is the best brick mason in town...There are four cases of smallpox in Mineola at present. ...Everybody should pay his taxes before the first of February...Jim Thomas of Winona was here last week to pay Susan Anderson a visit...S. Anderson was in Smith county last week on business.

CURRY IN MISSOURI.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The great campaigns for local option are reopened in this State. There are now new bills pending the action of the present Legislature looking to State-wide prohibition. For some months the temperance forces have been winning victories by the help of the greatest Negro temperance orator of the age, Prof. E. W. B. Curry of Ohio. The highest officials of the State seek his aid and advice along this line. By his eloquent and scholarly addresses he is not only making headway for temperance but is bringing the cause of the Negro to the best white people of the State as no other man has ever done. His own people as well as the whites believe in him and follow his advice in the great work.

HUMPHREY, ARK.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Quarterly Conference convened at the A. M. E. Church last Saturday and Sunday. F. B. Carolina, presiding elder, preached at 11 a. m...Our town has been bereaved of one of its precious jewels by the death angel, who visted the home of our Dr. F. B. Adair and took his dear companion from his side...M. T. Toms has been at Clarendon several days, where he was called by phone to attend the bedside of a sick son, who had gone to that city during the holidays to visit his relatives. He has recovered and is now at home...Mrs. Minerva Walker and N. E. Gross and family worshipped at the A. M. E. Church Sunday...Henry Cegar, an old soldier, will soon erect a nice residence on his lot in Promised Land City...Prof. A. L. Smith is employed in our public school as assistant teacher...Mrs. T. Herron has returned from a visit to relatives in the northern part of the State.

TROY, ALA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Toney Eubanks is on the sick list. ...Master Ariosta Wiley Jr. spent the holidays in Brantley, Ala...Hannibal Lodge No. 46, K. of P., had an election of officers Dec. 28 and the following were chosen for the ensuing year: James Henderson, Chancellor Commander; A. A. Wiley, Vice Chancellor; Lige Barr, Prelate; W. J. Simmons, K. of R. S.; Smith Mahorn, M. of E.; H. V. Stevens, M. of F.; Joseph Carter, Master of Arms; Clem Berry, O. J.; Sam Prigett, I. G...Miss Mary L. Dawson of Union Springs was the guest of Miss Alma McQueen last week...Mrs. Frona Jackson has recently moved to Troy from Louisville, Ala., and has bought a house and lot from J. C. Henderson...J. H. High was on the sick list Sunday...Miss Lovie Roberson returned to Columbus, Ga., Sunday, after a visit with her sister, Mrs. Tom Tiner... James Henderson spent several days out of town this week in the interest of the K. of P. lodge...The Troy Truck and Ax Fire Company has elected the following officers: D. D. Murphree, president; Jack Jones, vice president; John Willis, secretary; A. A. Wiley, treasurer; James Flowers, first assistant foreman; Green Penington, foreman...Subscribe for THE FREEMAN. Copies can be found on sale every Saturday at James Flowers' barber shop.

YOUNGSTOWN, O.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Revival is going on at the St. Mary's and Oak Hill Avenue churches...Mrs. Hattie Harper, Mrs. Murels, Mrs. Smiley, and Mrs. Paris Hall are on the sick list. ...Archie Thomas catered the K. of C. banquet at the Excelsior parlors Sunday, Jan. 3, and had tables spread for 550 people. The affair was a grand success in every respect. Mr. Thomas had 35 assistants...Wm. Saunders will conduct skating at the Auditorium Rink Monday evening...Wm. Saunders is local agent for THE FREEMAN. Give him your subscription...Mrs. Lyda Lemons of Cleveland is in the city the guest of friends... George Burk of Sharon was in the city Monday...George Lewis beat Frank Hall a match game of one hundred ball pool Monday evening at Thomas' poolroom, and they are matched to play another game at the same place, Tuesday, Jan. 11.

Agents are always desired by the management of The Freeman. Write for terms.

PROCLAMATION!

To the United Brothers of Friendship, Sisters of the Mysterious Ten and Knights of Friendship of United States of America, Canada and Africa.

GREETING:

According to the action of the last session of the National Grand Lodge held at Lexington, Ky., July 31 to August 3, 1906, that body adjourned to meet at St. Paul, Minn., July 26 to July 31, 1909.

At the approaching session it is earnestly hoped that we may enact such legislation as will serve to emphasize and enlarge the usefulness of the National Grand Lodge and so raise its standard of efficiency and beneficial influence, that henceforth the National Grand Lodge will be an inspiration to its membership.

This is our opportunity. The spirit of jealousy and antagonism that has prompted certain white fraternal organizations to seek to oust their black brethren, emphasises more and more our impregnable position in the World's Fraternal-Beneficial Movement.

The Order of United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of Mysterious Ten is the product of Negro brain and energy. At a period, the darkest in the history of our race, it came as an inspiration to the founders of our Order, that union and friendship are prerequisites to a strong and prosperous people; that in our struggle upward we should demand no more than exact Justice, and in our dealings with our fellowmen we should be willing to give no less; that Deeds of Mercy are "Gems for our Crown," and should never be wanting when circumstances require their dispensation; and lastly that Truth should be the guide to our conduct and should characterize our every utterance.

With these sentiments in our hearts let each member resolve to make the approaching National Grand Lodge session one of the most harmonious and at the same time one of the most profitable in the history of the Order.

BASIS OF REPRESENTATION.

Each Grand Lodge that has paid the national tax, as required by law, shall be entitled to three delegates; each subordinate lodge that has complied with the laws and regulations of the Order shall be entitled to one delegate. The same basis of representation applies to the other bodies.

NATIONAL TAX.

Section 6, page 8, of the Constitution provides "no delegate shall be allowed as a representative of any Grand Lodge or from any subordinate lodge whose taxes is not paid, so far as due, and having in his possession the properly signed credentials." This provision of Constitution will be strictly enforced.

All National Grand Lodge taxes should be forwarded to B. K. Bruce, acting National Grand Secretary, at Leavenworth, Kansas. All inquiries as to the National Grand Temple should be addressed to Miss Martha V. Webster, N. G. P., 1127 W. Chestnut St., Louisville, Ky. All communications meant for the National Grand Camp should be addressed either to Bro. Sanford Saunders, N. K. C., Cincinnati, O., or Dr. J. A. Lester, N. K. R., Nashville, Tenn.

Now therefore I, Walter M. Farmer, National Grand Master, by virtue of the power in me vested and of the action of the National Grand Lodge, do call the National Grand Lodge United Brothers of Friendship, the National Grand Temple, Sisters of the Mysterious Ten and the National Grand Camp to assemble and meet in regular session at the city of St. Paul, State of Minnesota, on the 26th day of July, A. D. 1909, for the transaction of such business as may regularly come before said body. The National Grand Camp will convene Monday, July 26th, and remain in session two days; National Grand Temple will convene on Wednesday, July 28th, to the 31st inclusive.

All communications of local inquiry should be addressed to Rev. J. R. White, Chairman of Committee on Arrangements, No. 10 Stess Block, St. Paul, Minn.

Circulars announcing the rates will be issued later on.

Done in the city of Chicago, this the 2nd day of January, A. D. 1909.

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SPORTING GOSSIP of the WEEK.

SCRAPS FROM THE SPORTING WORLD.

By Harry W. Jackson.

The Clabby-Anderson bout at Dayton, O., was a draw.

Say, what's that? Why, that's the Indiana boxing lid easing off.

Cy Young of the Boston Americans will still be on the Boston roll for next season.

Manager Charles Carr of the Indianapolis baseball team has signed Outfield Somers of Haverfield, N. J.

R. E. Walker, the South African runner, has established a new amateur record. He ran 130 yards in 12 2-5 seconds.

Willie Grupp of St. Louis hit a little too hard for "Paddy" Andrews of Chicago in their go at Hot Springs. Grupp outclassed him.

Ft. Wayne, Ind., says that Ray Bronson and Abe (Kid) Goodman of Boston will be the principals in a bout held there on Washington's birthday.

Ray Ewry, world's champion standing high jumper, is ill at his home in Bayonne. Ewry captured more title at the Olympic meet than any other athlete.

J. ("Berni") Barbour has christened Jack Johnson the champion heavyweight of the world, "The Black Gladiator," which he has copyrighted.

Mahmout was too much for Olson before 5,000 people at the Coliseum of Chicago. The Turk is matched with Gotch for the world's championship title.

Battling Nelson is a candidate for President of the United States. Mr. Nelson and Mr. Roosevelt have already formulater their campaign tactics.

Wouldn't you like to see Jim Jeffries, the Mansfield of the footlights, as "Macbeth," and Johnson as "McDuth?" You know the play ends up with a scrap.

Marion Hart and Mike Schreck have agreed to box for the benefit of charity at Lexington, Ky. The match will take place at one of the opera houses in the near future.

Jess Reimer pinned Leo Pardello, the Italian wrestler, who met all comers in this city recently, for two straights in seventeen minutes at Des Moines, Iowa, last week.

Walter Steffens, the All-American quarterback and crack Chicago University runner and hurdler, will be a member of the track team of the coming season. He will take up law.

Packey McFarland won a decision over Dick Hyland, the Frisco lad, in a ten-round mill last week. Packey made an effort to land a knockout blow in the tenth, but Hyland was in good condition, while Packey's swings lacked steam.

Ed Dunkhorst, who lacks just thirty pounds of weighing twice as much as Jack Johnson, has challenged the black wonder. Dunkhorst is too big to fight Johnson, as his beef is a handicap to him. But if he should fall on Jack, or any other man for that matter, it's good-bye.

John L. Sullivan left Sunday night for a tour to any place throughout the world where he can discuss "a Negro fighting a white man." Sullivan is fast becoming, if he isn't already, the Ben Tillman of the pugilistic world. He left Boston escorted by Herbert Slade, who will act in the capacity of sparring partner.

The Senate of the Washington Legislature has before it two bills that are causing an unusual amount of interest among the sportsmen of the State. One is a measure advocated by the King County Anti-Race Track Gambling League. The other is that the landlords of gambling places are not inclueded in the penalty act.

Abe Attell knocked out Freddie Weeks in the tenth round of their fight for the featherweight championship of the world at Goldfield, Nev., on the 15th. Abe was favorite in the betting circles. Eddie Graney refereed the contest. Attell received $2,500 and Weeks $1,000. The latthe purse. There is no winner to bouts ter would have received no more had he defeated the Hebrew, according to the articles.

As manager of the Jeffries Athletic Club of this city, Baron Long has secured the signature of Harry Gilmore, the manager for Packey McFarland, to articles calling for a twenty-round fight early in February between McFarland and Young Otto. Gilmore posted $1,000 to bind McFarland to the match and for his appearance in the ring at the time agreed upon, and the weight, and to go afterward as a side bet to cover a similar sum that Otto has posted in New York.

JEFFRIES WILL; KETCHELL WILL NOT.

By Harry W. Jackson.

Will James J. Jeffries, the ex-champion heavyweight of the world, re-enter the ring and fight Jack Johnson, the present champion? This is the question of the sporting world which everyone is trying to answer. Of course only one's opinion is the only expression that can be given, as Jim himself is the only one who knows at the time being. Jeffries retired from the ring undefeated and turned over the championship of the heavyweight class to Tommy Burns, the French-Canadian, who proved to be a poor defender of the title.

Burns met Jack Johnson of Galveston, Texas, after the latter had chased him 1200 miles over the world to get a match with him, which he finally landed at Sydney, Australia. The colored lad tried in vain to grapple a fight with Burns in this country, but Tommy shood him off and left the country to take on a few bouts across the waters with men who are classed as third-raters. But Jack played the hound and trailed his fox well. Johnson defeated Burns in fourteen rounds of what was scheduled to be a twenty-round mill. The black boy gave the Canadian a good spanking for running off and being a bad boy. So unmercifully did Jack do the work that the police showed signs of pity and ended the bout at not a minute too soon, for Burns was bleeding and practically helpless. This slaughter of the white champion made Johnson champion and champion of the world. This fight made Jack the first Negro heavyweight champion of the world. The decisive defeat of Tommy cast a big reflection upon James J. Jeffries, as he gave the heavyweight title to Burns as being the best heavyweight fighter in the ring.

Since Johnson has become champion, the sporting circles have been busy looking over the list of the "ex's" and fighters of the day in the heavyweight division, to find a man who can dethrone the black man. So ambitious are some of the old men of the fistic game to bring the laurels back to the white race that there have been a number of replies of willingness to re-enter the ring on Johnson's return home and defeat the colored wonder. But all have been considered out of the question, even including Corbett, Sharkey and Fitzsimmons. Even some of the fast fighters in the limelight today do not seem to have the general favor of the fight experts. Jeffries is the choice; but Jim says he will not fight. The question arises, can the big ex-champion afford to refuse to fight Johnson? He gave Tommy Burns the title that he ably held and Johnson snatched it from him, at the same time demonstrating that Jeffries was a poor judge of what constitutes championship class. Jeff says he can easily get into shape to re-enter the ring. Now, can he afford to stay out of the ring? The white race says that he is the only man that can bring the title back, the only man who would ever have a show with Jack. Yet he says that he will not re-enter the arena and that he has fought his last battle.

Jeffries is "playing possum." He is preparing himself as hard as he did when he fought freckled Bob Fitzsimmons. He is feeling the pulse of the people and at the same time working out to see if Jim Jeffries can still punch and slug. If he thinks that he cannot get into shape to meet the envied Jack Johnson, he will insist more emphatically that he will not wield the gloves again; but if he shows signs of the Jim Jeffries of four years ago, there will be a great many "I told you so's" heard among the fistic fans. By Jeffries going in training (the "stall" being that he is doing so preparatory to entering vaudeville) gives evidence that the big ex-champion intends to take up the old game again. It may be that he will take to the stage for a while, to make good his story, but it is not for the stage altogether that he is going through some lively training out in California.

It is really thought that Jeffries retired only temporarily, just to let some of the boys make a "rep," and then step back into the game and regain the heavyweight championship. At the time Jeff retired, or better, the reason why he retired, there was no one in his class at the time he gave up the sport as a fighter. Since that time four years have elapsed and Jeffries has changed considerable, physically. He really wants to fight Johnson, and when the big fellow returns Jeffries will be punching the bag to beat the band to get in shape.

Advising others to draw the color line makes it appear that the bone must be saved for him. That he refused $50,000, win, lose or draw (just to merely fight) is one of the biggest pokes that has been made in the pugilistic world for quite a while. There is but one thing that will prevent Jeffries from fighting Johnson, and that is his being unable to get back into form.

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Now as to Ketchell. Stanley Ketchell, the middleweight champion of the world, is forwarding an excuse for his unwillingness to fight Jack Johnson, the heavyweight champion of the world. Ketchell says that he has drawn the color line and refuses to fight Johnson or any other ebony fighter. Immediately after the middleweight boxer won the title he now possesses, he declared his intention to desert the middleweight division and take up the heavier boys. He said that he would meet any man in the world, regardless of his weight; that he wasn't afraid of any living mortal. This was taken at first to have something to it. Ketchell, now a "heavy," was talked of to be matched with Jack Johnson for the highest honors in the pugilistic sphere. Ketchell balked and refused to consider a man of such a scientific and powerful make as Johnson, because, as he says, Johnson is a Negro. There is much doubt as to the truth of Stanley's refusal to fight Johnson because of color, but it is believed the white boy lacks confidence to defeat him. This is an old excuse to which white fighters resort when there is a demand for them to meet colored fighters whom they know to be better boxers. If Ketchell could gain the confidence that he would have a show with Johnson, he would hurl challenge after challenge across the waters to Jack, losing sight of color.

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Al Kubiak, the Michigan heavyweight who promises some surprises in the future for the boys of the arena, is a dear friend of Ketchell, but is unlike Stanley as to the color question. He gives his willingness to fight a black man as quick as he does a white man; they all look alike to him, and says that he intends to face Johnson in the near future. Although some of the sporting writers have said that Ketchell has consented to take on Johnson, he is said to have told Kubiak the following: "I do not care to meet any of them (colored fighters); they should be left to fight among themselves. I will never meet one."

Though we dread to hear this, we admit that it is pretty good, Stanley; one excuse is as good as another for a fellow in his present position.

HARRY K. GOOD DEAD.

Word has been received that Harry K. Good, who some seven years ago held a reputation as being a promising fighter, had died. Good fought in the middleweight division. Seven years ago he was stricken blind and consequently had to give up the fight game. He died at his home in Easton, Pa.

KID JONES TO RE-ENTER RING.

Special to The Freeman.

KALAMAZOO, Mich.—Solomon (Kid) Jones, now employed in the Burdick Hotel, announces his intention of re-entering the fight game, and would like to get in line with some good boys, from 133 to 136 pounds. He claims to have a backing of $500.

THE PAST WEEK IN "PHILLY."

Monday—Washington Sporting Club, Young Erne of Philadelphia and Mickey Gannon of Pittsburg. West A. C., Willie Lucas of Philadelphia and Fred Buckland of England.

Tuesday—Douglas A. C., Jimmy Clabby of Milwaukee and Frank Erne of Philadelphia.

Thursday—Broadway A. C., Fred Cooley of Chicago and the "Fighting Ghost" of Merchantville, N. J.

Friday—Nonpareil A. C., Sammy Smith and Peck Miller, Philadelphia.

Saturday—National A. C., Al Kubiak of Grand Rapids and Ed Casey of Villanova.

LOCAL BASKETBALL TEAM.

A number of basketball enthusiasts have organized a basketball squad from which a team will be chosen. Arrangements have been made to play some home games at the Majestic Skating Palace. The Independents, as the team will be known, expect to play in Dayton, O., in the next week or two and desire other games. Edward Gaillard, the man who pushed the '08 Herculean football team, champion of Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana, to the top, will manage the Independents and hopes to make a winning team of the five.

BACK JACK JOHNSON HEAVILY.

Pool of $100,000—Williams & Walker, Comedians, Contributors.

Special to The Freeman.

CHICAGO, Ill.—The colored people of this city are wild with enthusiam over Jack Johnson's defeat of Tommy Burns in Australia last month. The Chicagoans believe Johnson to be the most scientific fighter of the day. Bert Williams, who is now playing in "Bandanna Land" at the Great Northern, and some of his friends, were asked to subscribe to a fund that was expected to reach the amount of $50,000. Enough money has been pledged now, however, to insure a pool of $100,000 should Johnson be matched with any of the white fighters.

"The only thing that I am hoping for is that Johnson's next fight will be in this country," said Williams. "If it is held outside the United States, the colored people will migrate for a while to see it, but if it is held here it will bring together the largest single collection of colored sports ever assembled.

"Negroes are proud of Johnson. He is the Corbett of his race. He is fast on his feet, has a world of strength and knows how to keep his brain clear when in action. He is the best fighter the black race has ever produced, and I think even the white followers of the ring are disposed to give him credit. I am ready to back him against any white fighter."

It is promised that Williams and his partner, George Walker, have promised to contribute $5,000 to the fund. It is proposed to pool the money and let a syndicate place it.

"THE BLACK GLADIATOR."

Chicago Songster Writes a Poem on Jack Johnson.

Special to The Freeman.

SEATTLE, Wash.—Since Jack Johnson laid low Tommy Burns at Sydney, Australia, and became the first black heavyweight champion fighter of the world, the colored population has been dippy with delight. J. "Berni" Barbour, a well-known colored song writer from Chicago, who is now living in this city, wooed the muse when he heard the news from Australia and produced "The Black Gladiator." Mr. Barbour heads his verse as follows: "The Black Gladiator. Veni, Vidi, Vici—Jack Johnson." Here it is:

From Texas, famous Lone Star State,
The year Eighteen and Seventy-eight,
Was born a "Babe" who did create
The "Black Gladiator"!
When but a boy was not so brave,
For battling then he never craved
The honor of such—just behaved
The "Black Gladiator"!

We sing his praise with no less joy,
Than Rome did Caesar, her prized Toy,
Our full-blooded Ethiopian Boy,
The "Black Gladiator"!
For like unto the Caesar Great
"You came! You saw! You conquered!"
Yet—
You must be watchful, don't forget
Our "Black Gladiator"!

The Rubicon you crossed today!
O'er highest honors you hold sway,
Permit me call you, if I may,
The "Black Gladiator"!
"Black Sparticus"—You are our own,
The world's grand title by you borne
Like Sampson, please protect thine own,
Our "Black Gladiator"!

Thereby records on history's page,
An honor unknown to this age,
A Negro champion now the rage.
The "Black Gladiator"!
A new name written out in fame,
A proof that all men are the same
In muscle, sinew and in brain.
The "Black Gladiator"!

No other blood flows through our veins
But that of Negro Ham's own strain,
Master of all the world—you claim,
The "Black Gladiator"!
"Black Alexander" we term you.
Weep not, each nation speaks so true
In saying, "We've no match for you."
The "Black Gladiator"!

They claimed in you a "yellow streak"
With heads bowed down they look so meek.
You proved them false—you seemed a freak,
Our "Black Gladiator"!
Unlike them, draw no color line!
We worship but at Honor's shrine.
You are the greatest of these times,
Our "Black Gladiator"!

J. "Bernie" Barbour.

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RECEIVES MESSAGE FROM JACK JOHNSON.

Sam Langford to Fight May 24 If the Inducements Are Right.

Special to The Freeman.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—Joe Woodman, manager of boxer Sam Langford, said in reference to the proposition to match Jack Johnson with Langford:

"I received this message: 'Londay, Jan. 14.—Require Langford 24th May, Derby week.

(Signed) "'BETTISON.'

"There are some things about the message I don't understand," said Woodman. "In the first place, Bettison knew that I was in California and ought to have addressed me here. Last fall I conducted negotiations with him for a Langford-Johnson fight, to take place in November. It was agreed that the purse was to be $10,000, of which $7,500 was to go to the winner and $2,500 to the loser.

"When the match was called off on account of the fight with Burns in Australia, I asked Bettison for certain money that we had spent, but no word has come from him. Langford will fight May 24 in London if the inducements are right and we get ou rtransportation and expense money. According to a letter I have received from England, I understand the purse has been raised to $25,000, but that is not certain.

"This would not stop our making a match in California for February, and, as I rather like this State, I guess we will stay here until the winter is over. I always did think that if the former Langford-Johnson fight had gone five more rounds Langford would have won, and if the two blacks meet in London, I guess Sam doesn't need to be afraid of his chances. However, there will be no match signed until Bettison has advanced us traveling expenses."

JOHN L. AND THE COLOR LINE.

Why He Didn't Fight Peter Jackson—White Man Must Dictate.

BOSTON, Mass.—John L. Sullivan said last night, in discussing the drawing of the color line in fighting, regarding his matches with Peter Jackson and Godfrey:

"There's been a good deal of talk about the color line just now, especially about 'yours truly,' and the stand I took regarding colored men. It is true that I was matched to box George Godfrey here very early in my career, and that was the only time I ever gave colored pugilists any consideration from a professional standpoint, although there were many whom I regarded highly in a personal sense. It has been reported time and again that I once signed to fight Peter Jackson. That is not true. Jackson was willing enough to meet me, I know, but I had drawn the line, and kept the line drawn. I made no bones about it. The public knew my position on this question.

"'Parson' Davies, manager of Jackson, once claimed to have a telegram from me, telling him to go ahead with the details of a fight with Jackson. There were never any such articles drawn or even suggested that I would have signed. The nearest I came to fighting Jackson was once when the question was put to me squarely. I said that if they got $20,000 I would cover it, and would go into a room with Jackson and have it out, but that I would never agree to meet him in the ring in public. That ended the attempts to get me to fight Jackson.

"If either Jeffries or Corbett finally determine to meet Jack Johnson, they will not permit him to dictate terms. If either of them get a match with Johnson, there will be a lot of money hung up, and they will want a good slice of it before they sign. Jeff appears to me to be the man. I cannot see how Corbett can get right enough. Jeff may be able to get into shape, but that is a question which only he can decide."

John L. Sullivan declared that despite Johnson's win from Tommy Burns, he will never have the prestige of a white champion.

"It does not matter if Johnson is the champion," said John L. "If Jeffries, Corbett or any white man consents to meet him, they will do the dictating to Johnson. The latter has got to accept their terms or else go without a match.

"If any of the ex-champions agree to meet him, they will make Johnson split nowadays. It is foolish for any one to think Corbett has any chance of defeating Johnson. He has reached the age where he is going back, while Johnson is coming along. As for Jeffries, if he can get into shape he has a good chance."

JEFFRIES ON HART AND OTHERS.

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—James J. Jeffries believes that Marvin Hart, who once defeated Jack Johnson, would be a good match for Jack. Jeff says:

"The big Kentuckian has been made the butt of the sporting writers' jokes from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Probably there are good reasons for Hart's claims being derided, but I am willing to go on record as being of the belief that Hart will give Johnson a stubborn fight if they ever meet. Marvin is credited with a twenty-round victory over Johnson three years ago at San Francisco. This fact alone entitled Hart to the talk of a return match that he has been making. Some people figure that Hart's only idea in this connection is to land the loser's end of the money. I think differently, however. I sincerely believe that Hart would prove a troublesome adversary for Johnson.

"For the rest of the has beens who have jumped into the limelight recently very little can be said to their credit. I will never believe that Jim Corbett's talk is sincere until I hear Jim say so himself. Jim is a good advertiser and is making the best of his opportunities. As for Tom Sharkey, Bob Fitzsimmons, Jack (Twin) Sullivan et al., they are a bunch of well-meaning individuals who are aiming to bring themselves out of the deep obscurity by voicing their willingness to meet Jack Johnson.

"At this stage of the game it looks to me as though Jack Johnson has fought himself into the championship and out of a job at the same time. About the only thing left for Johnson is to fight Squires, Lang and a few of the Australian third-raters all over again. There is no use of dragging Stanley Ketchell's name into the argument. This youngster, as great a fighter as he is, would stand no chance against Black Jack."

JACK BLACKBURN SHOOTS TWO.

Angered Because of an Attack Upon White Woman.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Speceial.

As a result of Mrs. Mattie Polk and her husband attacking Maude Pillion, a white friend of Jack Blackburn, one of the best pugilists in the fight game, a shooting scrape occurred and the Polks and Miss Pillion were injured. The shooting was done by Blackburn. The injured persons were taken to the Jefferson Hospital. The Polks were in a serious condition when they were taken to the hospital. Alonzo Polk, Mrs. Polk's husband, is said to have died from his injuries.

Blackburn and the Pillion woman live at 203 South Camac street. There has been a feeling of long standing between the pair and the Polks. Early yesterday morning Blackburn, who was intoxicated, went to the house in South Jessop street, accompanied by Miss Pillion. They made the trip in a hansom. The latter walked to the Polks' door, while Blackburn was in hiding nearby.

Mrs. Polk appeared at the threshold in response to the knock and the two women immediately began to quarrel. Finally Mrs. Polk went out in the street and hurled a brick at the Pillion woman. The latter, it is charged, drew a knife. The fight attracted Mrs. Polk's husband. When Polk attempted to interfere, several shots were fired and the husband and wife fell to the ground with blood spurting from wounds.

Blackburn appeared and carried Miss Pillion to the hansom, which he ordered to the Jefferson Hospital. He might have escaped had he desired, for he was not arrested until he was in a ward with his companion. The Polks were assisted by neighbors to the same institution.

It was found that Miss Pillion was only slightly injured. She was held under $1,000 bail on the charge of assault and battery.

Officer Dicks, also colored, said to Magistrate Rooney, that after he had placed Blackburn under arrest and led him out into the street that the fighter attempted to use his fists. Dicks said he knocked him down, and Blackburn called the cop a liar. The latter handled Blackburn none too gently as he led him to a cell.

Blackburn is regarded as one of the most wonderful fighters in the world. It is so difficult for him to get matches that he has to box opponents much larger than himself. He weighs around the 140-pound mark, but has gone as low as 133 in recent months.

Only ten days ago he planned a tour on the road similar to that of Jack Johnson, in which the latter won the heavyweight championship. Blackburn, too, aspires to a title, but his ambitions may be seriously impaired by the incident.

Only a few weeks ago Blackburn quarreled with his brother Fred, and Fred cut him about the face with a razor. Prior to this scrape Blackburn had never before got any unenviable notoriety, he being known as a quiet and peaceable fellow.

HUBERT GIANTS WIN 3 TO 2.

Special to The Freeman.

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—The Hubert Giants have played their second game of the season in which they defeated the Santa Barbara. Captain C. U. Hubert is eager to get a good pitcher and a strong backstop. Address 721 East Ninth street.

Sam Ferrias, pitching for the Santa Barbara team, was completely outclassed by Henkle, the former player of the Los Angeles Giants and who at present is playing with the Hubert Giants, at Boyle Heights Athletic Park. Each team scored three errors and the Huberts secured six hits. Following is the score:

SANTA BARBARA.

	AB	R	H	O	A
Javilson, ss.	4	0	1	0	4
Smith, 3b.	4	0	0	0	0
Scofeld, 1b.	4	0	0	12	0
H. Mgrin, c.	3	0	0	12	1
S. Ferrias, p.	2	1	1	0	3
Reyna, 2b.	3	0	0	0	3
Biggs, lf.	4	0	0	0	0
Clark, cf.	3	1	1	0	0
Smithy, rf.	1	0	1	0	0
Totals	28	1	4	24	11

HUBERT GIANTS.

	AB	R	H	O	A
Banks, c.	4	1	2	7	3
Hubert, 3b.	4	1	1	4	4
Brown, 2b.	4	1	1	1	2
Slater, 1b.	4	0	0	11	0
Erwin, lf.	4	0	0	1	0
Williams, ss.	3	0	0	1	2
Wilson, cf.	3	0	0	1	1
Scott, rf.	3	0	1	0	0
Henkle, p.	3	0	1	0	2
Totals	32	3	6	26	14

SCORE BY INNINGS.

Santa Barbara	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	—2
Base hits	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	—4
Hubert Giants	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	—3
Base hits	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	—6

SUMMARY.

Three-base hits—Sam Ferraris. Two-base hits—Hubert, Banks, Smithy. Errors—Javilson, Smith, Ferraris, Brown, Williams, Scott. Bases on balls—Off Henkle, 4; Ferraris, 2. Struck out—By Ferraris, 10; by Henkle, 7. Wild pitches—Ferraris, 2. Hit by pitched ball—Smithy. Time of game—1:40. Umpire—Peltz. Scorer—Barnes.

CO-OPERATION AGANST TUBERCULOSIS.

Special to The Freeman.

CHICAGO, Ill.—From Tuskegee to Chicago is a far cry, but right in this city is the promise of the most progressive co-operation in the movement against tuberculosis recently inaugurated at Tuskegee Institute. For more than a year, a committee of Negro citizens of Chicago on the prevention of tuberculosis has been doing an organized work in connection with the Chicago Tuberculosis Institute. This committee is made up of Dr. A. W. Springs, president; Dr. A. Wilberforce Williams, secretary, and Dr. C. C. Hall, treasurer.

The "Getwell" and "Keepwell" campaign started in the South will be pushed oy the Chicago committee during January and February. Plans are now under way for holding meetings in every lodge, church and club of colored people in Cook county. This meeting will prepare the way for a series of public conferences, which will be conducted during February. This second series will be devoted to considering the Negroes' own answer to the question, "What are we going to do about it?" It is expected that March will bring out a lot of activity on the part of these colored societies in their effort to carry out the ideas discussed during February.

THEY DON'T THINK TOO HARD OF THE "JIM CROW" CARS.

Colored teachers of Texas in meeting recently declared in favor of the "Jim Crow" cars. They insist, however, that the law be rigidly enforced against the whites. The rule seems to be that when the portion of the car or cars for white people are crowded, that the Negro department receives the overflow. The reverse condition is never permitted. It is quite natural for a sensitive people to "smart" under the ruthless disregard for even the half right permitted by the laws. A sensitive people, and thoughtful, have a pride that keeps them from utter humiliation in the thing of classification. It is well that it is true, for if a people come up it will also be by self-esteem. Nothing so repulses one as sycophancy and imitation. Our race is just getting to the point where this is clear to it. And as it dawns on it that self-esteem is required and independence in all things (in a way), the more it is learning to stand back—and form a procession of itself that others may do some looking on.

The world of people, white or black, does not value shams very much. Sham diamonds—paste and glass—sham clothes, sham hair and teeth, the latter being essential, of course, are not as pleasantly received as the genuine articles. The things of sham and imitation are not very different in most things. No one will get entirely free of some prototype, some pattern; but the slavish take-off—faithful to a fault—is what hurts. Perhaps nothing has so militated against the race as a race as the thing of imitation. But happily a change is taking place for the better.

The separate cars are with us, and in spite of us. The best thing to do is to accept them gracefully until public sentiment is ripe for a change. If the object, in part, for the existence of the "Jim Crow" cars is humiliation, it will not be seen that advertising matter will help the race. More will be gained by cheerful compliance, which will mean a proper regard for the race—since it is only the Negro race thus proscribed, and in the meanwhile will the sting of the situation be extracted.

THE RURAL SCHOOLS AGAIN.

The rural schools of the South are coming in for a good share of attention. The following from a writer in The Echo, of Long Branch, N. J., will throw additional light on the situation:

"Taking the Southern States as a whole, it is safe to say that the country schools are not in session at present longer than five months out of the twelve. When we add to this condition, in most cases, poor schoolhouses or no school houses, little apparatus and poorly paid teachers, it is clear this is a condition demanding the immediate and constant attention of parents, ministers, teachers and leaders of every description. The facilities for public school education in the cities and larger towns are good for the most part, but I know of counties where Negro teachers are paid not more than $15 per month, and out of this they board themselves. This means practically no school, for a teacher worth more cannot live on such a wage.

"In order to impress our people with the truth of how far we are behind and with what remains to be done, let me make a comparison: Two years ago each child in the State of Massachusetts had spent upon him as per school population, in the free public schools, $26.42, while taking the South as a whole for the same year each Negro child had spent upon as per school population from 50 cents to $1.50 in the different Southern States. At such rate does any one believe that we can educate our children? Ignorance will grow denser, and crime, lawlessness and inefficiency will increase. Something must be done and that speedily."

The Jeanes Fund will be very much needed where a teacher boards herself out of $15 per month as pay. The writer well says, "This practically means no school." Fine educations are not needed for the masses. Good, sensible education is needed and that above all which teaches respect for common things, the common occupations where so many will find themselves in after years. Really this is the main drawback to the education being given today; it seeks to get around the ordinary vocations of life. It will be said that it is human nature to break away from the lowlier things, but at that there must be many trained to appreciate and love what they feel to call the lowlier things. Perhaps this discussion has no place here. The rural schools of the South are deserving the attention given. The hundreds of thousands of children should not be brought up like so many heathens. They should be taught whatever is best for them thoroughly, if it takes the year around. And this best should not be based on fiction, but on the probable chances of employment and to some extent the probable needs.

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CITY AND SOCIETY.

"Mother" Hall continues ill at her home in Bright street.

Miss Olivia Chavis has returned from a pleasant visit to Chicago.

J. D. Howard is in Columbus, and other cities in Ohio in the interest of the FREEMAN.

Mrs. Georgia Clifford of Tuxedo fell on the slippery pavement and fractured her wrist.

Dr. W. Armistead was called into a professional consultation at Middleton, O., last week.

Rev. P. H. Lewis of Noblesville attended the ministerial alliance in this city Wednesday.

Mr. James P. Leverett of Peru, Ind., was in the city Friday, joining relatives at Lexington, Ky.

Mrs. W. O. T. Gale entertained thirteen guests Thursday evening in ronor of relatives from Ohio.

The new colored free kindergarten will be opened at 426 W. Twelfth street next Monday morning.

The Eureka Pleasure Club will give a grand ball at Masonic Hall on Washington's birthday, Feb. 22d.

Miss Helen Clifford of Zanesville, O., has come to make her home with her parents in Eucilid avenue, Tuxedo.

Mrs. James N. Sharpe is in the City Hospital for an operation. Mrs. Sharpe desires her friend to make brief calls.

The woman's improvement club was entertained Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Ida Bryant, in Wyoming street.

The East End Needle Club was entertained yesterday at the home of Mrs. Sallie Robinson in North Senate avenue.

Miss Lou Hizer, a well known young woman, fell last Saturday and broke her arm. She lives at 215 W. Walnut street.

The 8 A. Club of school 26 gave a social at the school last night. The proceeds will be used to purchase a present for the school.

Bethel Gleaners write missionary society will meet at the home of Leola and Martha Jackson, 629 West North street, February 6.

Bishop C. T. Shaffer of Chicago will preach at Bethel A. M. E. church tomorrow morning, and at Allen Chapel tomorrow night.

The Rev. Joshua Stansfield will address the Junior League of the Christian Endeavor at Simpson Chapel at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, Jan. 24.

J. R. McCowan of Denver, Colo., is the guest of his brother Oliver McGowan in Northwestern avenue, whom he had not seen for 42 years.

Bishop C. T. Shaffer will occupy the pulpit at Allen Chapel at 8 o'clock p. m., Sunday. The consecration of the deaconess will also take place.

Miss Ella Marshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall, 2614 Senate avenue, North, died during the week. Her funeral was held at Simpson Chapel yesterday.

Rev. J. W. Wood, formerly pastor of Blackford Street church, this city, but now located at Mobile, Ala., writes THE FREEMAN that Mrs. Belle Davis who recently went to Mobile for her health is getting along splendedly.

Sisters of Charity No. 1 has elected the following officers: President, Susie Williams; vice-president, Alice Frazier; recording secretary, Theresa Lewis; financial secretary, Mary Brooks; treasurer, chairman sick committee, Addie Burris.

The mechanics association, recently organized at Flanner Guild is preparing to celebrate Lincoln's birthday. The exercises will be held at the Flanner Guild at 8 o'clock in the evening. An audience that tested the seating capacity of the Guild heard the address of the Rev. D. F. White, last Sunday.

A BRILLIANT AFFAIR.

The newly organized social club of married men, known as the "Benedicts," gave what is regarded as one of the prettiest affairs of the season at Masonic hall last Friday evening. At the hour for gathering, carriages were seen hastening hither and thither bearing invited guests to the scene of the function. The hall which is one of the prettiset in the city was made more attractive by the use of Palues and garlands of smilax, and to this a company of handsomely gowned women and men in full evening dress, presented a scene unusual in its beauty. Russel Smith's orchestra furnished the music, which bears the assurance of satisfaction. Ices and punch were served freely throughout the evening. The club has thirty-five members. The officers are Thomas Simms, president; Joseph Timberlake, vice-president; Jeff D. Porter, secretary; Charles Chavis, treasurer.

A CLOSER UNION BETWEEN PARENT AND TEACHER.

A movement is being set on foot in Indianapolis and is steadily gaining favor from those most concerned. It is an effort to awaken the parents and the city school teachers to a deeper sense of their responsibility in impressing upon the minds of the children entrusted to their charge their obligation to be christians. The first public step in furtherance of the effort was a meeting held at Jone's Tabernacle last Sunday night, and to which the Rev. H. J. Callis, the pastor, had sent special invitations to the city school teachers to attend. Most of the schools were well represented. Dr. Callis based his talk on the sixth chapter of Deuteronomy, 7-8-9 verses. His remarks were thoughtfully presented and were listened to attentively, and it is believed he has set in motion an influence which will be far-reaching, and which will bring to the many hundred children in Indianapolis tendencies which will build them up in christian character and will make of them stronger men and women.

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METHODIST MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION.

An interesting meeting of the Methodist ministers of Indianapolis and vicinity was held in the lecture room of Bethel A. M. E. church, Wednesday morning. The special features of the meeting was a paper read by Thomas E. Taylor, General Secretary of the colored Y. M. C. A. Subject, "The Young Man and the Church" as a foundation for handling his subject. Mr. Taylor sent out forty letters addressed to young men, in which questions were asked regarding their opinion of the church, its ministers in this city, its management and etc., also their relation to the church, also asking for reasons for the opinions mentioned. To these letters, twenty-three replies were received which, upon motion of the association, were read at the meeting. Both the paper by Mr. Taylor and the contents of the letters drew forth much favorable comment. "Dunbar's place in the literary world" will be the subject of a paper next Wednesday by the Rev. D. F. White.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

A class in stenography has been opened in connection with the Colored Y. M. C. A. Ninght School, and any young man desiring to take up this very useful and helpful subject can do so at a very low rate of tuition.

The "Monster Meeting" for next Sunday will be especially attractive from a musical standpoint. Bishop Shaffer of Chicago is expected to be the speaker. All men should attend this great meeting for men who is doing so much for the advancement of men.

The meetings are held in Blackford street Church, commencing promptly at 3 p. m.

The Y. M. C. A. orchestra, which is now in its third year, elected the following officers recently: President, A. A. Taylor; vice-president, John Carson; secretary, Brutus McWilliams; assistant secretary, Elias Galoway; treasurer, C. C. Brown; director, S. A. Ratliffe.

This organization enjoys a membership of 18, and are now making an active study of works of classical writers.

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LOGANSPORT, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Harrison, of Battle Creek, Mich., is here to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. John Parker....Mrs. C. S. Jones, who has been very sick with la grippe, is somewhat improved....Mrs. Essie Means is in Anderson on business this week....Rev. Craven has named the following ladies as trusted helpers: Mesdames Joe Malone, Dabney, Newsom, Dickson, Gilmore, Brooks, Powel and Taylor. The ladies will meet next week with the chairman to be organized.... Celic Carter, who has been very sick for the past week, is reported better....Mr. Bowlen spent Saturday and Sunday visiting in Piqua, O....Marie Underwood, who has been making her home with her uncle, Henry Watterman, has gone to Paris, Ill., to make her future home with her uncle, Geo. Harrison....The stewardess board of the A. M. E. Church met at the home of Mrs. G. C. King, in Miami avenue, an delected the following officers: President, Mrs. G. C. King; vice president, Mrs. C. S. Jones; secretary, Mrs. J. A. Carter; assistant secretary, Mrs. Harry Payton; treasurer, Mrs. L. G. Brooks. They arranged for a social Wednesday, January 20, after which they partook of refreshments....Bishop C. T. Shaffer, D. D. M. D., was in the city, the guest of Rev. Craven, last Sunday and Monday. He preached an excellent sermon at Bethel A. M. E. Church, Sunday night, and lectured to an appreciative audience at Bethel Monday night. Subject, "The Voice of the Hour"....Mr. and Mrs. James Carter entertained at 5 o'clock dinner, Monday, Bishop Shaffer, Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Craven, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Gray....The trustees of Bethel Church, assisted by the board of trustee aids, of which Mrs. Joseph Malone is chairman, gave the choir a reception, the evening of the 12th, which was a grand affair, Mr. A. J. Allen acting as toastmaster....The stewardesses gave a chicken and 'possum supper, Wednesday night.....The ladies of the stewardess board gave a very nice reception in honor of Bishop Shaffer, after his lecture on Monday evening....Miss Amanda Stewart and Miss Floretta Turner spent Sunday in Peru, the guests of the Misses Moss.

SOUTH BEND, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The O. D. T. Club met at the home of Mrs. Hynes on Colfax avenue and had a very pleasant time. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Ora La Mont at her home on Longley avenue, the 4th.... James French of Sandusky, Ohio, will visit Mr. and Mrs. Noah D. Hubbard of this city, Sunday. The Hubbards have had quite a number of visitors and at present Miss Sallie Dunn of Chicago is a guest, theatre parties and dinners are making her stay very enjoyable....Miss Myrtle Calloway and Mrs. Early of Calvin, Mich., are visiting Miss Medora at her home in Mishawaka....Miss Powell is the daughter of one of South Bend's oldest pioneer settlers and comes of a well-to-do family....The Daisy Walker Club numbering in all about twenty young Misses, all members of the South Bend High School, are causing considerable public interest in the excellent literary course selected for the year....Miss Pearl Powell will entertain the club at her home Saturday....Miss Goldie Calloway, a young lady who not long since had her coming out party, has fallen ill with a bad cold, which may prove quite serious unless the greatest care is exercised. Miss Calloway is the niece of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Findley of this city and lives with them at their beautiful home on Indiana avenue....The Sewing Circle of the A. M. E. Church gave a penny social in the basement of the church. It was a great success financially, and every one seemed to have a very pleasant, I may say jolly time....Mr. and Mrs. Scott, former residents of this city, have been visiting her sister, Mrs. Asbrook, at 1002 East Loriu street. Mrs. Scott felt sorry when the time came for her departure, having been shown such a pleasant time....A new cafe has been opened by E. Stuart and A. Samuels at Hibbard Court, and expect to give excellent satisfaction to all patrons....Mr. and Mrs. Huggard of Grand Rapids are visiting relatives in this city....Mr. and Mrs. Chey Naldes have changed their residence, and are now living at the home of Mrs. Bolan Banks....The Dinner Circle met at the home of Mrs. Stella Haughs, 1016 Lorin street. The ladies and their husbands having had such a delightful time at the watch meeting New Year's eve thought at least to try and have just one more pleasant evening before returning to the former routine of "Ladies Only." The next meeting will be with Miss Grace Powell of Mishawaka. The subject of discussion will be Lincoln in observance of his birthday....The Oddessa Chapter will give the first of their annual suppers at the Masonic Hall in the Swaggart building, Saturday the 15th....Joseph Artist and wife are expecting their brother, Mr. John Artist, of Detroit to visit them. The Artists are a young couple of this city who were married last October, the young lady's home formerly was in Culver Ind., and previous to her marriage completed a course in Wilberforce College. ...Rev. Gregory of Battle Creek preached the quarterly meeting sermon at the A. M. E. Church Sunday to an interested and attentive audience. Mrs. Hines and Barker sang a pretty duet, "He died but not in vain," and other music of equal importance was rendered by the choir. ...Master Frank Hubbard, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Hubbard entertained 44 of his little schoolfellows in the kindergarten department. The luncheon being served by Hatfield "The Catered."...Miss Maude Dempsy of Elkhart visited Mrs. Hines last Sunday....Mrs. Harris is ill at her home in Mishawaka.

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Misses Tibbs and Berry, of Canton, were the guests, Saturday and Sunday, of Anna Goubney....Mrs. Lotters returned from Canton last week, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Caroline Robinson.... Buckeye Lodge, I. B. P. O. E. W., met Thursday evening. The meeting was well attended. At the meeting of January 28 the new officers will be installed, after which they will hold memorial services, and all members and visiting Elks are requested to be present....Mr. and Mrs. James Mealey, Mrs. Green and Mr. Watkins are on the sick list....Rev. Mrs. Mary Davis, of Michigan, is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Budanuaro....John Holmes, Sr., of Plum street, shows slight improvement....Miss Lena Ford and Miss Luta McAlister, students at Wilberforce University, returned to school Monday evening....Richard Thomas, of Washington, Pa., father of Harry and John Thomas, of this city, was in the city last week. ....Mrs. John McFarland, of Freeport, Pa., is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Reed, of High street....Mrs. Charles Charlton, Mrs. Henry Hawkins and Mrs. Moses Janey are on the sick list....Wm. Saunders will conduct skating at the Auditorium Rink, Monday evenings and Thursday afternoons....Isaac Calboun was terribly burned in a fire Friday night at midnight. He was moved to the City Hospital. The other inmates of the house escaped in their night clothing....The Oak Avenue W. M. M. S. met at the residence of Mrs. Simon Burgess, Thursday, and transacted some important business. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. G. M. Fagan's home, McKinnie street, Thursday, February 11....Miss Grace Lacey, of Himrod avenue, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Perkins, in Cleveland....Mrs. Musels, of Mahoning avenue, is still sick in bed, but is some better....James Gibson, of East Youngstown, and George Lucas, of Scott, are on the sick list....Isaac Calboun, who was burned Friday night, died Saturday night, and his body was shipped to the home of his mother in central South Carolina Monday....Miss Julia Harris, of Warren, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Berry.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. A. M. Williams, 1606 East Jackson street, entertained, January 8, in honor of Mrs. Geo. W. Dabney, and quite an enjoyable time was had....Mrs. J. M. Mosby entertained January 11....Preparation is being made by Union Baptist Church people to give a reception in honor of their new pastor, Rev. B. L. Ivory.... Rev. A. W. Williams, of Zion Church, is conducting a revival, and is being assisted by Rev. Mr. Bachlar, of Ottumwa, Ia., a very able divine....We are glad to see J. E. Thompson doing so nicely in the grocery business....Suppose our clergy make a talk occasionally on business. We have some good preachers here....Dr. Jas. E. Henderson is always busy; it is a good sign that he is a good doctor.... Dr. Shepherd Anderson Ware, an alumnus of Mehary Medical College, is doing a good business now. Give these colored doctors your business. Do I have to tell you this so often? Why not let the colored undertaker bury you? What objection? Royall is as good a lawyer as the town affords, and you know it. Let him do your pleading....A move is on foot to start a colored bank here. The way to aid is to join the Colored Business League. Let us do business....Mr. C. Hinton, a clerk in the postoffice, is a progressive man and very promising....The Law and Order League is doing good....We are proud to see the porgress being made in our churches. Rev. Jones, of St. John's A. M. E. Church, is moving things.... Mrs. J. P. Roberts left a fortnight ago for Grenada, Miss., where she will visit her mother and relatives....The lecture and reading room proposed by E. L. Rogers will be opened if it takes all sumemr. It is a good and timely thing, and must not die.

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FLINT, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Johnson, the evangelists of Grand Rapids, are visiting relatives in this city for a few days...Mrs. W. H. Jones of St. Catherine, Ont., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Vincent... The annual charity ball for the benefit of Hurley Hospital will be given Feb. 17 at K. O. T. M. Hall. Finney's orchestra of Detroit will furnish music. Committee: Wm. Vincent, Thos. Kelley, A. Kelley and Ben Wright.

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